



MDS Board Meeting Agenda

May 20th, 2021 – 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Online Meeting Due to Covid-19

This is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board of Trustees, and is open to all interested MDS members.

Meeting minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society, 5/20/2021

- 6:30pm **Gathering of guests and members** online due to Covid-19 pandemic
- Board Members Present: Kurt Mead, Kat Dickerson, Barry Mullin, Ron Lawrenz, Dave Doyle, John Arthur, Cathay Perkins, Curt Oien, Leah Darst
Absent: Amy Jo Forslund, Ami Thompson, Terry Carr, Mitch Haag, Mike Moen, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling
Guests: None
- 6:35pm **Welcome/Introduction** of guests and members. John moved to begin the meeting, Dave seconded
- 6:36pm **Review Agenda** items and open for additional topics.
- 6:38pm **Approve Past Meeting Minutes** from Board meeting 4/15/2021. John moved to approve past minutes. Kurt seconded. Approved
- 6:40pm **Treasurer Report** Perk provided the Treasurer's Report by email. Donations of \$2500 received in memory of MDS member Scott King. Ideas for donations include helping finish Meadowhawk book, or microscopes, or other.
- 6:45pm **Committee Reports**
- Research: Curt-sent email to Ralph Hosethal to get things moving with the insect collection. Running out of space, and need smaller boxes. Hopefully start in fall.
Curt will also forward tall grass bioblitz information.
- Outreach: -Eastman, Saturday, July 17. Dave Doyle and John Arthur lead. Dave, Ron, and John may go out and collect nymphs beforehand.
-Pollinator Festival- Perk lead. Talking dragonfly video in Spanish. Ron or Leah may be able to find a spanish speaker for video.

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- Monarch festival- Ron lead.
- Laq qui parle survey- Curt.
- Metro children's water festival. Virtual-recorded video needed in September. Johns dragonfly video could work. Needs script.
- Summer survey, June 4th, Dianne. on google calendar.
- Leah needs volunteers for outings. Leah will email Master Naturalists for volunteers, ideally by first of June.

Communication: Leah contacted Jeff for the website. They will meet and Jeff will give Leah the website username and password.

6:55pm **Other Business**

- Belwin-only for board members. 3rd and 4th of June. Good spots: Josh Lenard knows. Medcap marsh, Lake Edith, north branch of Valley Creek. Survey and/or collect. Barry has permission to collect specimens. New record, collect for voucher specimen. Find nymphs to raise. We'll probably need them for Eastman.
- Ron volunteers to help collect in the field, keep harder-to-find ones on hand. Contact Ron if you need nymphs and feel free to collect some before any gathering.

-Promo video-First cut is done. Needs some editing.

-Dragonfly Blitz-August 28th, 4pm. Co-lead with Leah. Barry-Zoom meeting. Each survey will create advertisements and send it to Leah to post on website, facebook. Remember a sign-up if limit. Register by email or form sign up.

-Ode-olympics. End of summer summary
Kurt-July 10 survey in North East.
Covid consideration- state parks are open, we're vaccinated and we're outside. Hopefully volunteers will be smart as well.

-Scott Kings meadowhawk website. Kurt will send a letter to Lisa (Scotts wife). We're willing to take over the website and let her decide.

-Donations-Buy microscopes and put Scotts name on them. Meadowhawk website/book, don't know the status and may need money for them.

-Strategic Planning-June 1st next meeting. Tony sent a copy of the strategic planning that may apply. Tony broke the plan down into 7 priorities. Need to discuss before assigning them. Should focus on 5 or less? Ex: "Eliminate board director burnout" can be incorporated into other.

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7 Priorities-Expertise in odanate research

- Prioritize education programs for dragonfly damselfly identify
- Eliminate board of director burnout
- Improve awareness, get name out there.
- Establish fundraising criteria
- Retain expand stakeholder community
- Develop operating and execution plans

Should try to par down to five. Assign each priority to a member or two on the strategic planning committee.

Big Point: What do we want to be in three years?

-Next meeting, June 17th 6:30-8pm. Planning on continuing monthly, (Need minimum of 8, or half of board (16) to vote.)

-Hybrid meeting? Webcam in room for those that can't make it? Just need wifi. Maybe online during summer, or happy hours.

-Other news

-Leah, Perk, Curt inventoried all equipment. Perk has a set and the shirts, Curt has 2 sets and the hats.

-Resin dragonflies to outreach kits. Resin jug +\$200. Ron has resin nymphs, labeled and identified, 30-40, is willing to donate to MDS. Ron also has exuvia that can be put in resin. Ron will meet with Leah for nymph exchange. Kurt motioned Leah can get materials and MDS will pay for it, John Seconds, motion passed. Dermestid, bioquip sells insecticide strips. Freezing also may work.

7:55pm **Adjournment**-John moves to adjourn, Dave Doyle second. Approved. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kat Dickerson, MDS President