



Meeting Minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board Feb. 17, 2022

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

6:30pm Gathering online due to Covid-19 pandemic

15 Board Members Present: John Arthur, Leah Darst, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, Dave Doyle, Terry Carr, Kat Dickerson, Ron Lawrenz, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Barry Mullin, Curt Oien, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling, Monica Martinez, and Tony DeRose

1 Absent: Ami Thompson

6:35 pm **Welcome/Introduction** of members:
Kat opened the meeting. Monica moved to approve the minutes from the Jan. 20 BOD meeting and the Jan. 29 annual meeting. John seconded. Approved by all.

6:40 pm **Treasurer's Report** (see Appendix A below minutes)
Perk provided the Treasurer's Report by email before the meeting. Dave moved to accept; Ron seconded. Approved by all. Tony commented the Treasurer's Report is in a good format. Thank you, Perk!

6:45 pm **Election of BOD officers**- Kat listed the three positions that need to be filled on the MDS Board of Directors and three people willing to do those jobs:

Vice-President: Dave Doyle
Treasurer: Cathy Perkins
Secretary: Dianne Rowse

We unanimously elected these three candidates.

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Annual Meeting report- Kat

-803 people saw the annual meeting on FaceBook; 57-60 attended virtually; received positive comments

-Dave sent thank you's to our two speakers and a stipend to Dr. Herrera.

-Dave recommended Steve Valley, photographer (in DSA) in Washington, for a future speaker.

-Tony- liked John's video of nymph-ice-fishing ☺

-Ron- We had an excellent annual meeting.

-Mike suggested doing a hybrid meeting in the future to include more people

-Emily- there are challenges with hybrid events; lots of work; consider hiring a person to be the MC

Tony- for a hybrid meeting, hire someone to run it; key messages

Leah- gathering in person is so important too

John- has the equipment, camera, microphone, projectors; John volunteered to work on this for the next annual meeting.

Leah- Let's find a Hine's Emerald researcher to speak to MDS; Dan Soluk? From South Dakota?

Emily- suggested "Gather Town" interface (like Zoom), with your own avatar with "rugs" to chat from; feels more in-person

Barry- consider the (tech.) ability of the people who will attend the meeting

John- Whova? platform used by Prairie Enthusiasts for online meetings

Kurt- passive viewing is valuable too- just listen to the speaker with chat Q&A; keep it simple

John can do that.

Ron- Event Brite can be used for a meeting (as well as for tickets/registration).

Kurt- Discuss MDS Summer Gathering at next meeting.

Committee Reports

Research Committee: Emily met with Monica/ Communications Committee.

-plan for a meeting of committees

-reach out to other researchers (like Paloma) to offer MDS volunteers to help with field work

-develop a volunteer list to email opportunities

-Leah- we have a list for this; will pass it on to Monica; the list document has limited BOD access (to protect personal information)

-Emily will send the meeting invitation to this list plus Dave.

- Kurt- great idea to tie in to researchers
- Emily- valuable service MDS can offer
- Tony- can reach out to Master Naturalists through Amy Rager/ U of M Extension
- Dianne will reach out to Three Rivers Park District dragonfly survey team leaders to invite their volunteers to join the MDS volunteer list.
- Leah- asked Emily to put survey dates on MDS calendar
- Emily- Are surveys for data or outreach?
- Curt- both!
- John- value in repeating surveys in a specific area
- Emily- Where is survey data kept?
- Curt- MOSP (Minnesota Odonata Survey Project, precursor to MDS) data base- Barry is entering data
- Leah collects survey forms from each MDS event
- Ron is going through his files; has annual dragonfly survey data from Washington County that he wants to get recorded at Odonata Central (county records); also has MDS event lists from when he was MDS President
- Barry- database with U of M includes observation data
- Emily- could have her students enter data
- Curt- things change over time; initially we just recorded county records
- Ron- has a couple thousand records
- Kurt- put a lot of collection data into Odonata Central
- Emily- What's the goal of the survey?
- Kat- expectations have changed due to COVID; we're just glad to get out in the field!

- Curt- Crystal Boyd administered Enbridge grant, and included educational outreach
- Leah- would like one MDS survey per month for the public to join

- Dianne- will offer one survey per month at Lebanon Hills Park in Eagan

- Perk- leading event May 28 at Westwood Hills Nature Center with Greg (staff); plans for two times a month; will use the MDS data sheet
- Curt- plans to provide training for Three Rivers Park District dragonfly survey teams
- Barry- will work with Perk to re-train her to enter data
- Curt- asked Barry to consider paying Emily's student(s) to enter data
- Barry uses "Specify" for data entry, imports from Excel spreadsheet; could have student do the work without sending actual specimens
- Emily has funding for three students for summer/fall and could include some data entry
- Barry spent six weeks at Itasca Field Station in the 1970's working on aquatic insects.

-Kurt- did MOSP event at Itasca Field Station; consider places with housing for our annual MDS Gathering (like Itasca!)

Communications Committee- Kat & Monica

-Dianne shared newsletter software advice from Josh Sweet, editor of "The Trumpeter"/ Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter newsletter: He uses Word and could share documents using Office 365 with multiple users. He is learning to use Canva, another platform with modern design functions for multiple users. And he said Microsoft Publisher is discontinued.

-Kat & Monica want more online presence. Do we have an MDS login for iNaturalist?

Leah- doing a Bioblitz at Dodge Nature Center in April; will find out about iNaturalist for a group

Kat- Instagram- photos and videos

-TikTok- videos (max. of 3 minutes)- popular with younger audience

-iNaturalist

Perk- We have an Instagram account: @mndragonflysoc – but she doesn't have the password

Leah- checked password list on GoogleDrive- nothing there

Ron- gets online suggestions from other groups

Perk- maybe through Facebook boost

Curt- MDS has "page" on MN Master Naturalists website- can develop this

Leah- Twitter account?

Emily- can help with Twitter; Twitter is a good way to reach research professionals

Tony- saw MDS photos on MDS Twitter (from 2019)

-develop guidelines on our use of these platforms

-social media is more important than a newsletter

Emily- will create an account and ask Monica to post

-Twitter listings- mndragonflies: Jackie Morrison

-mndragonfly

Kat- will work with Monica on TikTok and Instagram and Odonata Central

Mike & Leah- found zip file, but no password (from 2017); did Angela Grill (past MDS president) give Kat the password?

Curt- will check for password in things that Angela gave him

-discussion on passwords and creating a protected file to save them

Kat and Emily will create and use the same password for these social media accounts.

Outreach Committee- Leah- 2 new requests

-Will MDS do private event at a private location? – No.

-Montgomery Orchard LLC chose dragonflies as their theme for 2022 event, **Sept. 3**, Labor Day weekend opening event. Corn maze in shape of dragonfly; with trivia questions. They requested two presentations from a stage (50-100 people each), one hour each. Leah is willing to do two ½ hour presentations plus a half hour of net-sweeping along CRD land onsite. Need volunteers for MDS booth and sweep netting; volunteers get a free family pass for the corn maze. Several BOD members volunteered. This event is 45 minutes southwest of Bloomington (towards Mankato). John has friend with a drone who lives near there; he'll ask him about doing a flight over the dragonfly maze (with permission). Leah will ask the owner where there are wetlands near the event site. Also request pre-event visit to decide where to do sweep-netting.

Tony- **May 20** event, "Gathering Partners" for U of M Extension/Master Naturalists annual meeting at Treasure Island Resort; planning a pre-event scouting trip

-John will lead; Dianne will volunteer

-Curt said nearby there is the Miss. River, creeks, lakes, many habitats; look for seeps coming out of the bluffs

-Ron- look for Royal River Cruisers and Jade Clubtails (in flight later, in August)

-Curt has 5 complete kits for donation to a Master Naturalist at their annual meeting from Arne Myrabo donation (net, two field guides and magnifying loupe in each kit). Discussion on how to select recipients based on need.

Next BOD meeting: Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Use the same Zoom link for all future meetings. It's posted on the MDS website/Calendar. Barry is planning to host the Zoom for future meetings.

March 17 BOD meeting: discuss MDS summer Gathering

April 21 BOD meeting: organize the Google Drive- Leah and Mike will talk next week

8:05 pm- Move to adjourn by John; Tony seconded. Approved by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dianne Rowse, MDS Secretary

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report- on next page

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Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: February 16, 2022

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$13,868.17

Available balance:	\$13,868.17	
Deposits:		\$105.00
		\$105 Memberships
Zelle transfer:		\$300.00
		\$300 stipend paid to Dr Sanchez Herrera for Annual Meeting Keynote Address
Pending transfers:		\$0.00
Future transfers:		\$0.00
Central Bill Account Statement		
Total line of credit	\$10,100.00	
Available credit	\$10,100.00	
Statement balance due		\$0.00 (Due 3/4/2022)
Credit Card Purchases		
	none	

Donations to MDS in honor of Scott King remain at \$2,900