



Meeting Minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board May 19, 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 of guests and members** online

9 Board Members Present: Kat Dickerson, John Arthur, Leah Darst, Ron Lawrenz, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, Monica Martinez, Curt Oien, Dianne Rowse, and Emily Schilling

7 Absent: Dave Doyle, Tony DeRose, Mike Moen, Barry Mullin, Terry Carr, Ami Thompson, and Kurt Mead

Guest: David Munkvold

6:35 pm **Welcome/Introduction** of guest and members: Kat introduced guest, David Munkvold, who is a graduate student in Paloma's Lab

Approve Past Meeting Minutes from Board Meeting held on [4/xx/2022](#)
Motion to approve made by John; seconded by a Board member. Approved.

New Business- David Munkvold described his work doing electrophysiology experiments on dragonflies. He needs one live dragonfly per day, adult, any species. Darners preferred. Live ones are held in the "arena" (room-sized cage) for 1-2 weeks, or refrigerated up to a week. Emily will send David's contact information to the Board. Another graduate student, Hans, is in the same Lab and may need live Gomphids in July. Our Board agreed to contact David when we have live dragonflies to deliver to him. Emily offered help from her 3 undergraduate students this summer.

Treasurer's Report (see Appendix A below minutes)

Perk provided the Treasurer's Report by email before the meeting. John moved to accept; Monica seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Research Committee- Emily is at the Itasca Field Station; she'll be there most of the summer. We discussed storing one set of MDS equipment at her college; access to the storage area is by key fob. Curt said Emily could use 10 aerial nets and some field guides for the summer.

Perk has 1 net kit and 1 outreach kit. Leah and Curt also have MDS kits. There are net kits, outreach kits, and decontamination kits. MDS has about 90 aerial nets. Emily will coordinate with Leah and Curt.

Communications Committee- Monica- This committee met recently. Idea to introduce Board members, once a week, on social media.

-Instagram account is still linked to Jacki Morrison's email; Kat had no luck either. Plan to make a new Instagram account. Monica will contact Jacki.

-MDS has 46 followers on Instagram.

-June 4 and 11 events: Perk posted on Facebook.

-newsletter is ready to send out

-Leah: we need to send requests out to volunteers to recruit for events.

-DNR BioBlitz at Cedar Rock SNA, June 18- Curt is now lead. Leah has a net kit to use for that event. Dianne will connect Curt with Brad Bolduan/DNR.

Leah- has a process for events: put on MDS calendar, track equipment, post to Facebook, etc.

Leah- Kit process, a new way to take just the equipment you need for an event:

1. Aerial kit- nets, books, loupes
2. Aquatic kit with decontamination kit
3. Booth kit- nymphs, resin adults, pictures, toys, magnifying lenses, donation box, collapsible tent, collapsible net, acrylic signs, tablecloth, flag- MDS banner (clip to table)
4. Presentation kit- projector, laptop, screen, cords
5. Tent kit- MDS banner, weights, tent bag, collapsible table and chair; MDS has 2 portable tables (8 ft., fold in half)-Curt has these tables.
6. Live nymph kit- aquatic net, trays, display tank, plastic soup spoons, small aquarium nets (Leah has these nets.)

Curt- 1 golf bag needs to be replaced; Leah will post request online

Curt- MDS has 3 microscopes (2 for event use)

Leah- ideas for presentations (like the one she has this fall for a huge outdoor group): ode costumes, dragonfly nymph puppet (like Kurt Mead's with the moveable labium). Marty will ask for a MN Master Naturalist Volunteer to sew a new larva puppet.

Curt has nymph-rearing equipment to share.

Ron- Kurt Mead had ode costumes, with components; Leah will talk with Kurt.

Development Committee- on hold for Tony to discuss at future Board meeting

Kat- Leah and Mike are working on reorganizing the Google Drive storage of MDS documents. Leah suggested labeling our photos; she moved photos into folders.

MDS Gathering- On hold for Emily to return to Board meeting later this evening

Perk- insurance information for the MDS Gathering at Itasca Field Station: David West of "Auto Owners Insurance" company quoted \$310 premium per year, and this would meet the requirements of Itasca Field Station.

Kat- need to ask Emily for dates open at Itasca; Kat will set up another meeting before the 6/16 Board meeting.

Other new business-

Leah- connected with someone from the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District: LMRWD. (Note- Dianne lives in this District.) They look for water education projects to grant funding to.

Ideas to request grant funding for:

-Ron- work with Jade Clubtail at Ft. Snelling State Park and on MVNWR Refuge; about 5 years ago, Mitch and Ami collected there.

-field microscopes- dissecting/binocular scopes, 10x/20/40

-ode costumes

-acrylic block odes for teaching

Ron said he may be able to donate 2 dissecting scopes to MDS.

Monica- will post question to Facebook group for suggestions for good kid-proof microscopes

Perk- web: microscopecentral.com

Ron- Leeds Microscopes in Minneapolis, sells reconditioned scopes

Ron's neighbor knows researcher David Moskewitz, who put transmitters on Common Green Darner. Leah suggested recruiting him to be a speaker at our annual meeting.

Dianne- saw 2 Dot-tailed Whitefaces (teneral) today in Lebanon Hills Park.

Next scheduled board meeting: June 16, 2022, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Use the same Zoom link for all future meetings. It's posted on the MDS website/Calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. John moved to adjourn; Ron seconded; approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dianne Rowse, MDS Secretary

Appendix A:

Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: May 19, 2022

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$13,618.27

Available balance: \$13,618.27

Deposits: \$40.00 (Memberships \$15+\$25)

Zelle transfer: \$0.00

Pending transfers: \$144.00 (Interserver, 3 year renewal, processed on credit card, will be due on 6/4/2022 billing)

Future transfers: \$0.00

Central Bill Account Statement

Total line of credit \$9,956

Available credit \$9,956

Statement balance due \$144.00 (Due 6/4/2022)

Credit Card Purchases

\$144.00 Renewal fee for webhosting service.
Next renewal will be 5/24/2025.

Donations in Honor of Scott King:

Total remains \$3,000.00.