



Meeting Minutes for the Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board August 18, 2022

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

7:10pm **Gathering of guests and members** online

12 Board Members Present: Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Ron Lawrenz, Mike Moen, Barry Mullin, Curt Oien, Dianne Rowse, Monica Martinez, Kurt Mead, Terry Carr, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, and Ami Thompson

3 Absent: Leah Darst, Emily Schilling, and John Arthur

Kat opened meeting.

Approve Past Meeting Minutes from Board Meeting held on 7/21//22: Motion to approve made by Dave; seconded by Ron; approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (see Appendix A below minutes)
Perk provided the Treasurer's Report by email before the meeting. Monica moved to accept; Curt O. seconded. Approved unanimously.

Perk is receiving merchandise orders online, even one from Germany.

Annual meeting

- hybrid of online and in-person meeting
 - Leah had mentioned Dodge Nature Center as possible location.
 - two lead people? Dave will lead part and coordinate with guest speakers.
 - Kat will email planning spreadsheet to Board
 - possible areas to help with: art slide show; in-person craft; silent auction
- date: Jan. 28, 2023, Sat.** (or 1/29 if facility isn't available on Sat.)

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Communications:

1. Monica- discussion of newsletter format; send via Mail Chimp; use their website to create it; summer event updates; annual meeting details; send out on/about Oct. 20.
2. Dianne will write an article for newsletter (what I pack in my field bag). Does anyone else want to write?
3. Photos- Take some at MDS events to put in newsletter.
4. Ron has a poem about tattered wings for newsletter.
5. Facebook rules- (suggested by Perk from the Minnesota Moths and Butterflies Facebook group; see Appendix B from 7/21, attached again)- Perk suggested sightings from Minnesota only. We can decide when/if to enforce this rule. It can be useful to know about sightings in neighbor states. Can ask for county/state location of sightings.
6. Discussion of Canadian researcher and his comments on Facebook that are not kind and supportive. Ami has reached out to him in the past; Angela also did; no improvement seen though.
7. Kat- We'll adopt the rules; enforce when need arises. Monica will post rules to our Facebook group.
8. Kurt- found 2016 rules written by Arne Myrabo on MDS website. Very similar to rules we're considering.
9. Kat- Do we have rules posted for our other social media sites? Perk will send Monica the email for Jacqui Morrison to follow up on Instagram account. Ami offered help to connect with Jacqui if needed.

Outreach:

1. Kat asked for volunteers for the Oct. 1 Sherburne Fall Festival at Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, near Zimmerman; time maybe 10:00-3:00? Dave will be lead person; Kat and Monica are "maybes". Perk said the Sherburne Learning Center has a residential area; consider it for annual meeting site.
2. Curt O. said reimbursement for mileage to events is possible (at federal reimbursement rate per mile). Ami said in the past, it was decided that all income from events goes into MDS treasury first. Then people can request for reimbursement.
3. Note from secretary after the meeting: Leah will need more volunteers for Corn Maze event on Sept. 3 at Montgomery Orchard; it's about a one hour drive from Minneapolis. Email Leah to sign up. Dianne and her husband Nick plan to help.

Research and Development Committees: chair persons not present

Other news: Tony DeRose resigned from the Board. He's very busy, and he may want to return in the future. We will miss his enthusiasm and experience! Thank you, Tony!

Next scheduled board meeting: Sept. 15, 2022, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Use the same Zoom link for all future meetings. It's posted on the MDS website/Calendar.

7:53 pm- Adjourned: Mike moved; Barry seconded. Approved by all.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Dianne Rowse, MDS Secretary

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins

Date of report: August 18, 2022

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$14,376.04

Available balance: \$13,811.59

Deposits: \$40.00 (Memberships/renewals)
\$127.00 (Merchandise & donations from Pollinator Festival.)
\$302.75 (Direct merch sales via email contact)

Zelle transfer: \$0.00

Pending transfers: \$0.00

Future transfers: \$500.00 (Youth Hats backordered. Estimated shipping date for our order is 8/22/2022. Charge card will be charged once order shipped.)

Central Bill Account Statement

Total line of credit \$10,100

Available credit \$10,035.55

Statement balance due \$64.45 (Due 8/4/2022)

Credit Card Purchases

\$64.45 Purchase through Shutterfly of Desktop Display with MDS QR Code and Placemats of Dragonfly and Damselfly Families, Ode Biology and Emergence for MDS at Eco-Experience at the MN State Fair.

Donations in Honor of Scott King:

Total remains \$3,000.00.

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Appendix B: suggested Facebook group guidelines (from 7/21/22 minutes)

Group rules adapted from the admins of the Minnesota Moths and Butterflies Facebook group:

- 1) Minnesota observations only.
Only submit observations of dragonflies and damselflies made within the state of Minnesota. Sharing of articles regarding habitat, conservation, migration and new studies of Odonata are welcome.
- 2) Dragonflies & damselflies only.
Please keep the focus on Minnesota's dragonflies and damselflies. If the ode is eating another insect, showing a photo of that is okay too.
- 3) Observations of all life stages are welcome.
We love seeing your photos of nymphs, adults and exuvia. We encourage questions and ID requests.
- 4) No hate speech or bullying.
We want everyone to feel safe. Bullying of any kind is not allowed and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.
- 5) Be kind and courteous.
We are here to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Many contributors are enthusiasts and just learning. Keep that in mind when commenting on another's post.
- 6) No spam, self-promotion or irrelevant content.
Posts should not include links to personal websites that have a commercial purpose. No spamming or advertising. If you wish to make a post promoting fundraising for odonata conservation etc., please contact the admins.