



## Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

March 16, 2023

6:35-7:50pm

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83220310735?pwd=aTUzc29xYSs5dm1lNzhp4Z1JUdHRXdz09>

### **Gathering of members & guests**

- **Current board members (11):** Terry Carr, Leah Darst, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Jeff Fischer, Ron Lawrenz, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Cathy Perkins, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling
- **Quorum:** 6+ people
- **Attending board members:** Leah Darst, Dave Doyle, Jeff Fischer, Ron Lawrenz, Cathy (Perk) Perkins, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling
- **Attending guests:** Curt Oien
- **Called to order:** 6:35 pm by Leah, MDS President

### **Previous meeting minutes**

- **From board meeting held on:** Feb. 16, 2023
- **Approval:** Perk moved; Dianne seconded; passed
- **Notes & actionables from last meeting:**
  - **Treasurer:** See Appendix A
  - **Research:**
  - **Communications:**
  - **Outreach:**

Leah is making a template to use each month for agenda and meeting minutes.

### **Treasurer & committee reports**

**Treasurer's report:** see Appendix A; the Scott King memorial is part of our total budget; Ron moved to approve; Perk seconded; approved

**Outreach:** Leah has received many program requests. Trout Brook event- Perk will lead. Kroening event- Perk. See MDS calendar to see where you can

help. Dianne will fill out program request form for Lebanon Hills Park surveys. Leah plans to send out volunteer opportunities in an email. Perk reminded us to post invitations on Facebook for outings you're planning.  
-newsletter: Use Leah's email to volunteers as the official MDS newsletter. Jeff said the Wisconsin Dragonfly Society sends out a monthly email.

**Communications:** Perk is lead with Leah

Jeff said one advantage of a monthly email newsletter is to keep volunteers active. Jeff is planning an MDS picnic at North Mississippi Park in Sept.

**Research:** Emily- She is doing field work in Canada at Experimental Lakes area; town is 5 hours north of Itasca St. Park. She doesn't have students working this summer. Emily and Ron will meet to discuss research ideas. Curt Oien and Ron have resumed volunteering every Friday at 10:00 at the U of M Insect Collection in Hodson Hall (after a break due to COVID pandemic); working with MOSP specimens. Ralph Holzenthal has retired, and Robin Thompson is the curator now. Need to update name changes on specimens there. Parking is by Gibbs Farm on Cleveland (\$2) or by Luther Seminary (3 blocks walk).

**Other MDS business:**

-summer MDS Gathering will not be at Itasca this year

-Ron plans to return to some interesting spots throughout MN this summer; will invite others; saw many forcipate emeralds, flying along logging roads in the past.

-Pins and patches: Perk sent us email with some pricing and ideas. Can use as a reward for county record discoverers; must be vetted by Odonata Central. Perk discussed iNaturalist records (eg-Painted Skimmer in 2022) and how they're incorporated into Odonata Central. How to verify a county record claim? Dianne -This reward program could take a lot of time to administer. Dave keeps track of new records on Odonata Central, but species list and map are not the same. How do we reach out to record people to give reward of a patch or pin? Jeff: We should give all 50 pins to Kurt Mead! How about a more general pin for multi-purpose use? Give one to outstanding volunteer, county record, etc.? Ron: We can recognize people at the annual meeting for finding new species. Odonata Central has a list of "newly found records".

-County lists: Dave plans to highlight counties with short species lists and put this in the email newsletter.

-Ron: Specific habitats are required by certain odonates; this can inform you where to search (eg- bog species). Leah: Do we have species lists by habitat? Emily said this would be a good undergraduate project for this fall. Jeff is working on this too for his ID workshop. (He has 55 specimens for ID teaching.) Leah suggested this list by habitat could be a printed pamphlet and put on the MDS website as a downloadable pdf.

-Leah: How frequently do we want the MDS BOD to meet? Jeff reported the Wisconsin Dragonfly Society meets monthly, with summers off except for the annual meeting (summer). Emily suggested starting meeting at 7:00 pm. Discussion; let's try 6:45 pm, with 6:30 social time (on Zoom call).

-Jeff needs Ron's bio for the MDS website.

**Adjournment:** 7:50 pm- Ron moved to adjourn; Dave seconded; approved.

**Appendix A**  
**Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins**

Date of Report: March 15,2023

**Checking Statement**

Account balance: \$13,515.26 \$15,777.99 + \$20.00 (deposit) -  
\$2,282.73 (credit card)

Available balance: \$13,515.26

Deposit: \$20.00 \$309 + \$20 = Total silent auction  
total \$329.00

Pending transfers \$0.00

Future transfers \$0.00 \$0.00 (Credit card  
balance)

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## Central Bill Account Statement

Total line of credit      \$10,100.00

Available credit      \$10,100.00

Statement balance due      \$0.00 (Due 4/4/2023)

Credit card purchases:      \$0.00

**Donations in honor of Scott King remain at \$3,000.00.**