



Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, 10/24/23
6:45-8:00pm (social time 6:30)

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83220310735?pwd=aTUzc29xYSs5dmlnZHp4Z1JUdHRXdz09>

Gathering of members & guests

- **Current board members:** Leah Darst, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Jeff Fischer, Ron Lawrenz, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Cathy Perkins, Dianne Rowse, Emily Schilling
- **Quorum:** 5+ people
- **Attending board members:** Leah Darst, Cathy Perkins, Dave Doyle, Ron Lawrenz, Jeff Fischer, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Emily Schilling, Kat Dickerson
- **Attending guests:** Curt Oein
- **Called to order:** 6:48 Mike , Davis Second

Previous meeting minutes

- **From board meeting held on:** Sept 28
- **Approval:** Dave Moved, Second Ron, Passed
- **Notes & actionables from last meeting:**
 - Leah- Adjust permissions for Google Drive shared documents.
 - No one stated that they could not access the drive.
 - Dave- pursue speaker for Annual Meeting after we select the date
 - Dave still looking at speakers.
 - Having trouble for contacts for John Abbott in Alabama
 - Who? Schedule an MDS moving party, from Curt's to Perk's with pizza- poll date
 - Finished
 - Curt- Discuss with Barry what to do to make database entry easier; see Wisconsin DNR as model.
 - Tabled to next month
 - Dianne- Meet with Angela Grill/Three Rivers Parks to deliver 2 sets of odonate specimens for teaching collections. (done 10/20/23)

Treasurer & committee reports

- **Treasurer (Perk):** See attached Treasurer's report for October 2023
 - Perk , Jeff secondedPassed
- **Research (Emily, Ron, Kurt, Curt, Barry?):**
 - Emily

- Talk about summer gathering at Itasca, Look at weekend of June 22.
- She now works with U of Mn students
 - Canada Darner work
 - Went to Canada, caught some
 - Reared some and will send some back to colleagues in Canada
 - Now has seen U of MN students to get involved with insects including a insect club
 - Can be new source of volunteers and members
- Kurt Mead state wildlife action plan
 - MN state is working on this now. DNR is the largest stakeholder on this.
 - About a month ago Kurt was contacted by MN DNR to put together a S ranking of MN dragonflies.
 - He is getting assistance on how to do this.
 - Kurt asked why MN is not spending money on researching dragonflies?
 - He responded if Kurt had someone in mind to do this?
 - Most other states have already S-ranked their species
- **Communications (Perk, Leah):**
- **Outreach (Leah, Perk, Marti):**
 - John Aurthur is running the final event of the year in Nov
 - Jeff Fischer also has programs for Ode topics and can do some other outreach events.

Other business

- Storage Space for MDS equipment
 - Perk to continue looking as inventory and estimating the amount of storage space needed
 - Emily said that Itasca has some long term storage space that could be used.
 - Could look at some way to loan out equipment at MDS members and maybe others.
- Annual Meeting schedule for Jan 27.
 - planning committee?
 - Work on during regular BOD meetings
 - Last year had about 34 attendees including Zoom.
 - Main room can hold up to 50
 - goals?
 - Location - Dodge Nature Center (same as last year)
 - Pay \$425 for the day
 - speaker(s)
 - Ask Ami Thompson if she would like to talk

- activities?
 - not needed
- food
 - same pizza place, veggie tray, fruit, etc.
- auction?
 - Perk said she would organize a silent auction
 - Should start a spreadsheet for donations
- promotion- see actionables below
- Ron has some nets and other equipment that he would like to donate to MDS or sell at annual meeting.
- Emily mentioned thinking about the summer gathering at Itasca.
- recording mds knowledge [save until next meeting]

Adjournment

- Mike moved to adjourn , Jeff second.

To do list (actionables)

- Need all members to email Perk a list of MDS items in their possession
- Curt Oien to contact Barry about database
- Annual meeting:
 - Perk- flyer and Facebook post
 - Emily- Google form for meeting RSVP
 - Jeff- Zoom meeting & registration
 - Leah- blog, auction request letter, & to-do list
 - Perk- edit flyer from the 2023 meeting. This is located in Google drive
 - Kat- auction spreadsheet

November Meeting Date: TBD

Attachment: Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins for October 2023

Date of Report: October 24, 2023

Checking Statement

Account balance: \$13,958.81

Available balance: \$13,958.81

Deposit: \$82.25 [$\$14,018.01 + 82.25 - 141.45(\text{ck}1065) = \$13,958.81$]
(Hats20+Memberships45+Donation Jar17.25=\$82.25)

Pending transfers \$0.00

Check 1065 \$141.45 Drawn 10/10/2023 to Dianne Rowse for reimbursement
Project Boxes

Future transfers \$119.77 \$119.77 (Credit card balance)

Central Bill Account Statement

Total line of credit \$10,100.00

Available credit \$9,980.23

Statement balance due \$119.77 (Due 11/4/2023)

Credit card purchases: \$119.77 Gorilla Cart (7cu ft, collapsible & foldable)
Used for transporting Outreach Kits

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