



Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

March 21, 2024
6:45-8:00pm (6:30 social time)

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

Gathering of members & guests

- **Current board members:** Leah Darst, Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Jeff Fischer, Ron Lawrenz, Kurt Mead, Mike Moen, Cathy Perkins, ~~Emily Schilling~~
- **Quorum:** 5+ people
- **Attending board members:**
- **Attending guests:** Curt Oien
- **Called to order:** Dave at 18:49

Previous meeting minutes

Mike, are you able to add the link here? not sure why I'm not able to (LD) mikem05@comcast.net

- **From Feb BOD meeting held on:**
 - **Approval:**
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Treasurer & committee reports

- **Treasurer (Perk):** [Treasurer Report March 2024](#)
 - **Approval:** Approved
- **Research (Emily, Ron, Kurt, Curt):**
 - Emily has met at U of MN insect collection.
 - Up to Sympetrum inturnum
 - Ralph guessed that they are ~3% finished
 - Research committee should generate a list of possible projects and collaborations
 - Ron was contacted by a scientist at St Croix watershed. Looking for a full species survey of rock pools along north shore and Isle Royale? Have found dragonfly exuvia in some of these temporary pools. This is grant funded project.
- **Communications (Perk, Leah):**
 - Perk planning to attend the DSA in Ohio in June 2024
 - Would like Dave to send text from his Facebook posts to use in a blog or email list/newsletter
 - Leah made a folder in MDS DOcs>Communications Docs>Daves Posts
- **Outreach (Leah, Perk, Marti):**
 - 11 Requests so far, one of which (Frogtown) we had to turn down due to no one able to support the week day event
 - Another one was Chisago county 4H in North Branch May 19.
 - Perk and Dave can help with this one

Other business

- Spring volunteer & ID training (Leah)

- Sunday April 21 at William O'Brian State Park
- Odonate ID training, and then Volunteer training. Break for lunch and then another ID training and maybe another Lead Volunteer training. Space will accommodate up to 15 students.
 - Not sure how to facilitate this
 - Maybe have it be a paid training. Maybe state that scholarships are available if requested.
- Summer gathering(s) options
 - Itasca Aug 9-11.
 - Mike to contact Emily to get an update on if this can still work
 - WDS gathering June 15 & 16
 - Bog trip?
 - Could help with Saz Zim Bog Bioblitz
 - Kurt to have a couple of field days up in NE MN.
- NewThree Rivers insect event. Organized by Angela
- Ongoing list of committee/other volunteer projects/needs (Leah)
 - Leah needs BOD members help with creating a document for the list.

Adjournment

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To do list (actionables)

- **Actionables from previous meetings:**
- Curt Oien said there are historical docs in boxes he gave to Perk. What was there was documented by Mike and Perk in the inventory folder.
- Mike plans to document what MDS has.
- Curt Oien said there may be some historical stuff/ data sheets at U of M Insect Collection. MDS should collect that. Talk to Barry Mullin.
 - Curt and Ron to look for what may be there.
 - Mike met Perk on Feb 23 afternoon to look at all materials
 - Files documenting the inventory are located here on Google Drive (see Excel sheet for overview):
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1e1wnLCaAZvdyTpvOIFLkVb3z7RYqWLoi?usp=share_link
 - Path is: MDS Documents>MDS Inventory Feb 23, 2024
- Wigio was a storage place for a lot of documents and records. This was shut down in 2017
- Emily will email us with more information about an August date at Itasca.
 - Mike to contact Emily about this.
- Need board members to email Perk a list of MDS items in their possession
 - Leah, Emily, & Curt?
- Leah & Mike plan to sort through old MDS files and organize.
- Curt- Discuss with Barry what to do to make database entry easier; see Wisconsin DNR as model.

- ~~Emily needs to update her bio. Ron has put together his bio. These need to be added to the MDS website.~~
- Question of hiring someone to be lead on requested programs (coordinator) and offer MDS programs/ trainings; grant money available
- Promotion idea: ¼ page handout to recruit new members at workshops, or a postcard format or business card (print 6 to a page)
- Gather up all available historical docs.
 - Organizing and filing these can be a good volunteer project(s)
- improve website Google contact form so it automatically emails Leah when there is a new sign-up
- Google form for event data: who, how many, hours volunteered, type of event
- Scott King project update? (Reach out to Ami)

Adjournment

- Leah motioned to adjourn at 20:12.
 - Approved

To-do list (actionables)

- ~~Add Clinton and Mike to leads of Northern MN (Leah)~~
- Add any missing information to the [BOD contacts & history spreadsheet](#) (Ron & Jeff for contacts, all for history)
- add comments and revisions to the bylaws on [this document](#) by clicking on the pencil icon near the top right corner of the window and clicking on 'suggesting'. (all)
- Take MDS membership data and sort by members locations (?)
- Ping absent BOD members for updated Bio's for Web site- Ron & Clinton (Leah)
- Jeff to help find a method to add all BOD meeting minutes to web site
- Emily has reserved a 3 bedroom cabin at Itasca in August 9 -11
 - Need to decide if we want to meet there. Decide at March BOD meeting.