



Minnesota Dragonfly Society Board Meeting Agenda & Minutes

11-21-24

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:** Leah Darst, Mike Moen, Ron Lawrenz, Kat Dickerson, Dave Doyle, Cathy Perkins, Kurt Mead, Jeff Fischer
- **Attending guests:** Michael & Clair Hurben interested in the group. Found MDS through Google search and pollinator festival booth.
- **Called to order:** 18:46

Previous meeting minutes [2024-10-17 MDS BOD meeting](#)

- **From board meeting held on:** Oct 17, 2024
- **Approval:** Jeff, 2nd Dave, Approved

Treasurer & committee reports

- **Treasurer (Perk):** [Treasurer Report by Cathy Perkins for November 2024](#)
 - **Approval:** Mike, 2nd Jeff. Approved.
- **Research (Emily, Ron, Kurt, Curt):**
 - Started again at U of MN Insect collection
 - It is getting difficult to find parking. Building also has hard access.
 - Kurt mentioned the new Icelandite Fen N of Grand Marais as a place to do research.
- **Communications (Perk, Leah):** Recd email offer from Barbara Tonetti, Senior Reference Marketing Manager at Princeton University Press offering a list of recommended books for MDS:
 - 1) Dragonflies of North America, by Ed Lam published 2024 \$35.00
 - 2) Dragonflies and Damselflies of the World: A Guide to Their Diversity, by Klaas-Douwe Dijkstra coming in June 2025 \$32.00
 - 3) Dragonflies and Damselflies: A Natural History, by Dennis Paulson published 2019 \$29.95
 - 4) Dragonflies and Damselflies of the East, by Dennis Paulson published 2012 \$29.95

- 5) Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West, by Dennis Paulson published 2009 \$33.00
- 6) Dragonflies and Damselflies of Texas and the South-Central United States: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico by John Abbott published 2005 \$55.00
- 7) Europe's Dragonflies: A Field Guide to the Damselflies and Dragonflies by Dave Smallshire & Andy Swash published 2020 \$32.00 available as an ebook for \$22.40 with code PUP30
- 8) Britain's Dragonflies: A Field Guide to the Damselflies and Dragonflies of Great Britain and Ireland, by Dave Smallshire & Andy Swash updated 2018 \$24.95
- 9) Insects of North America, by John & Kendra Abbott published 2023 \$24.95
- 10) Alien Worlds: How Insects Conquered the Earth, and Why Their Fate Will Determine Our Future, by Steve Nicholls published 2023 \$39.95
- 11) Insectpedia: A Brief Compendium of Insect Lore, by Eric Eaton published 2022 \$16.95
- 12) Bugwatching: The Art, Joy and Importance of Observing Insects, by Eric Eaton coming out July 2025 \$22.95
- 13) Garden Insects of North America: The Ultimate Guide to Backyard Bugs-Second Edition, by Whitney Crenshaw & David Shetlar published 2017 \$35.00
- 14) What Insects Do and Why, by Ross Piper published 2021 \$27.95 (It has a head-on photo of a damselfly on the cover with an open mouth, smiling for the camera.)
- 15) The Complete Insect: Anatomy, Physiology, Evolution and Ecology, by David Grimaldi published 2023 \$38.00
- We have also been granted a 30% discount code from Princeton University Press. The code is MDS30 and is good now through 12/31/2025. If MDS is interested in placing a bulk order now or in the future, we can reach out to Barbara for a bulk discount and she will facilitate placing our order. The code MDS30 is to be shared with members through either member meetings or member newsletters. They ask it not to be shared on social media. Barbara's email is Barbara_Tonetti@press.princeton.edu
- Request we add Ed Lam's new book to our website Field Guides and Other Resources page.
 - Jeff to look into doing this.
- **Outreach (Leah, Perk, Marti):** MDS (Dave & Perk) assisted the Chisago County 4H Youth this summer with a wildlife event they hosted. The kids were so excited by the dragonflies they caught that day they selected dragonflies as their program focus for the Minnesota State Fair. They presented information on the importance of dragonflies as beneficial insects, showed a few pinned specimens and emphasized the need to maintain a habitat for insect conservation.

While they finished just outside the top 5 with a score of 97 they were really pleased with their overall score and judges feedback. Dave and Perk did a total of two outdoor events with the kids and Perk had numerous email communications with some parents, 4H Leaders and Extension Coordinator Josiah Cole to provide answers to on-going questions regarding odonate's behavior, identification, habitat plus preserving and pinning specimens. We received a Thank You card.

Other business

- Annual Meeting planning (ld)
 - Jeff not available on 18. Best dates Jan 11, 19, 12 3rd choice.
 - Potential Sites are
 - Harriet Alexander Nature Center
 - Three Rivers Park District - Eastman Nature Center
 - Sites:
 - Dave to talk to Eastman first.
 - Mike to contact Harriot Alexander if Eastman dates do not work out.
 - Richardson could also be a place.
 - Ron has been working on Dragonfly locations sites to discuss at the Annual Meeting
 - Some sites are for sensitive species, may need to hide this from general public
 - May take Rons raw data and get others to morph it to something other form for presentation and for web site.
 - Perk will work on Auction
 - Emily to do the Research Year in Review at Annual Meeting
 - Approve updated Bylaws
- board/committee continuation (ld)
 - Mike will no longer be Secretary in 2025. MDS to find a Board member to be Secretary.
- Committee/board duties posted on website? (LD)
 - example- <https://moumn.org/descriptions.html>
 - need up-to-date descriptions
- Review By Law Updates and ideally approve for Annual Meeting
 - [this document](#) is Draft ByLaw document
- December BOD meeting (ld)
 - Change Date to Dec 12.
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Adjournment

- Leah moved to adjourn, Kurt 2nd.

To do list (actionables)

- Scott King project update? (**Kurt** will reach out to Ami)
 - Kurt working on this with Ami to see what she could do.
 - Kurt will contact Ami again
- Add photos to Google Drive (photos folder) WITH photographer/event names please! (**all**)

- folders for each photographer ok; separate between odes & events
- <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mpV2Zfcmr53X8ALQtonvIHwe80OCUK5r>
- Work on rules for photos and release form/statement (**Leah & Perk**)
 - Not discussed due to lack of time
- Find & create a process to organize & file historical docs (**Mike**)
 - Not discussed due to lack of time
- Start to work on Tentative June 2025 Summer Gathering at Itasca State Park (**Mike and Emily**)
 - Tentative plan weekend of June 20
 - Set aside Cabin 7 which sleeps around 11.
 - Mike will contact Emily to confirm dates and start planning.
- Discuss with Emily and others to decide what to do with all equipment that is at Perks house
 - Not discussed due to lack of time
- Leah to summarize the known 2025 events
 - Not discussed due to lack of time
- Ron to start a list of where to find unusual species - done Ron has started a list
- Kurt Meade to be catalyst to start up Events in the field to lead a field event
 - Idea is to have each BOD member lead one of these events each year
 - Kurt will reach out with each Board members
- Jeff would like to look at an ID workshop in April in a different location.
 - We can use Tettegouche
 - Jeff would be Ok to do another in the Twin Cities area
 - Kurt will work with Mike and Jeff to organize an ID training at Tettegouche in April or MAy 2025.
 - This could involve the two NE MN Master naturalist groups or others.

Projects non-Board volunteers can do:

- Create a handout to recruit new members at workshops (postcard format or business card format/size)
- Organize & file historical docs (need to create a process first)
- Go through historical docs to complete the board member history
- Assist in a complete inventory
- 'Prettify' Ron's list of dragonfly sites