WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)

Board of Trustees Meeting No.12 held at Swakopmund, 19th April 2007

Present: Linda Averill (LA), Viola Clausnitzer (VC), Adolfo Cordero (AC), Dennis Paulson (DP), Gordon Pritchard (GP) (Chairman), Goran Sahlen (GS), Wolfgang Schneider (WS),

Hidenori Ubukata (HU), Keith Wilson (KW)

Abbreviation **[PU]** passed unanimously

GP welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence & approval of the agenda

Apologies were received from David Fitch, Reinhard Joedicke, Richard Rowe. The agenda was approved by all present.

2. Minutes of the 11th Board Meeting held on 16th April 2007

The minutes were read and signed as a true record of the proceedings

3. Matters Arising

Min 3. Ways of paying membership fees

GP reported that he had been approached by Ian Endersby who had suggested that setting up a credit card payment system would not be expensive, he has done the same for other organisations. He will send the procedure he used to GP. LA will enquire at Lloyds Bank if there is any change in costs.

Action: GP/LA/DAF

Min 4iii. Merger

GP reported that members of the committee who wwere present in Swakopmund had met to identify difficult areas where more information might be needed. GP will be writing to Bastiaan & Kyoshi. The principle areas highlighted were:

- Date from which the merger of journals will occur
- Financial implications (costs may go up for WDA members and down for FSIO members)
- Ownership (FSIO has a different constitutional set up)
- All needs to be in line with UK Charity Commission
- Title – the suggestion at the moment is Odonatologica – the International Journal of Odonatology
- There would be no change in the organisational set up
- Query joint symposia? Invitations could be sent to members of both organisations. LA queried how many delegates attended FSIO symposia. The 2006 symposium in Hong Kong had attracted over 200 delegates but in previous years numbers had been low.

4) Symposium 2009 in Mexico

DP proposed that we make £500 available to the organisers in Mexico as a start up grant for the 2009 symposium. Seconded by WS **[PU]**. The proposal made by VC at the previous meeting regarding local payments was strongly supported, with a need to have an early deadline date.

Action: RR/DAF

5) Budget

The Board could see no major issues with the proposed budget other than the additional costs that sponsored members journals may add. (The following agenda item on sponsored membership was discussed before the budget was agreed).

There was additional discussion on the importance of getting IJO on-line to attract new institutional subscribers.

It was proposed by AC seconded by VC that the proposed budget for 2007/2008 be accepted. **[PU]**

6. Sponsored Membership

WS explained that originally sponsored members were supported to receive IJO by the editorial board members donating their free copy of the journal. We now have 17 sponsored members and a saving could be made if they were offered a pdf version of IJO instead of a printed version, also saving postage costs. The list of sponsored members should also be reviewed annually. It was also decided that Agrion should be made available only on the website or as a pdf from 2008 to all members. The motion was proposed by GP, seconded by WS **[PU]**

Action: LA

7. Odonatological Database

VC reported that the Odonatological database will be available on line shortly and will be interactive. VC will let us know when and how it can be accessed. The information can then be made availabe to the membership.

Action: VC

8) Board Roles

i) Archivist

This item was deferred for email discussion due to shortage of time

9) US Regional Representative

LA suggested that we organise something as a way of thanking Vicky for her many years of outstanding service to WDA on the Board then as Regional Representative. This was agreed.

Action: LA

10) IJO

LA outlined the problems that had been experienced with IJO during 2006 (IJO 9,1) which unfortunately are still ongoing. Reinhard is handling all the distribution in the interim period but it is a lot of work for him. It was decided to continue this discussion by email when RJ can be involved.

11) Agrion

With the retirement of Jill Silsby there is a vacancy for editor of Agrion. KW said he would consider taking on the role.

Action: KW

12) Excellence Award

Deferred by GS for an email discussion.

Action: GS

13) Details of new Board Members

LA needs to collect date of birth details for new Board Members. This will be done at a later time.

Action: LA

14) Date and time of the next meeting

This will be held in Mexico in July or August 2009 at a date and time to be confirmed.

15) Any other business

i) LA asked if it would be in order to send letter of thanks from the Board regarding the symposium to the Minister; the Mayor and the Aquarium. This was agreed.

Action: LA

Chairman **Date**