

WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)

Board of Trustees Meeting No.11 held at Swakopmund, 16th April 2007

Present: Linda Averill (LA), Viola Clausnitzer (VC), Adolfo Cordero (AC) (observing), Mike May (MM), Dennis Paulson (DP), Gordon Pritchard (GP) (co-Chairman), Goran Sahlen (GS),

Hidenori Ubukata (HU)(Chair)

Abbreviation [PU] passed unanimously

HU welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence & approval of the agenda

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

2. Minutes of the 10th Board Meeting held on 31st July 2005

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

3. Matters Arising

Min 4. Discussion of ways to pay membership fees.

LA reported that DF had looked into setting up a paypal account and had decided that the safest way to do this would be to open a separate US account to handle paypal. It was proposed by LA seconded by GS that we implement a paypal system as suggested by DF, because of the difficulty some members experience when trying to pay their membership [PU]

Action: LA/DF

Min 7vi) To consider an initial grant for organising costs.

LA reported that it had come to her attention that this proposal to provide £500 start up monies for the symposium in Namibia had not been carried out. This had meant that the symposium organiser had experienced difficulty before the fees had started to come in. It was recognised that there was nothing that could be done at this stage for Eugene Marais other than offer an apology. However that we must ensure that any decisions made regarding up-front payments for Mexico are acted upon

Action: LA/RR/DF

VC also proposed that symposium fees and registrations be collected locally and transferred to the symposium account together, saving the delegates the cost of high bank charges that had been incurred in transferring fees to Namibia. The proposal was seconded by LA [PU]

Action: RR

4. Biennial General Meeting

i) *Minute recorders*

LA reported that she had asked John Hawking as a minute recorder. VC suggested Vincent Kalkman be approached for the 2nd minute recorder

Action: LA

ii) *2009 & 2011 Symposia Presentations*

LA confirmed the Rodolfo Novelo Gutierrez will be providing a short presentation on the 6th symposium in Xalapa. HU will put forward the proposal that the 7th symposium in 2011 be held in Japan

iii) *Continuation or Merger*

GP proposed that he should talk about the possibility of a merger in his remarks at BGM. This will be an information only item as preliminary discussions have just begun. The proposal was seconded by DP [PU]. There was discussion on how to keep the membership informed and it was decided that Agrion would be the best way to do this.

iv) GP asked how we could acknowledge Jill Silsby's contribution to WDA. Jill wanted to announce that early membership numbers are available for founder members. It was decided that this would make too many complications for the secretary. However the Board would be happy for Jill to speak about WDA and to have her contribution acknowledged by the membership

5. The Chairman asked Trustees to note that it was Mike May's last Board meeting as he would stand down at the BGM. His contribution to the work of the Board and WDA was acknowledged by all present.

6. Confirm date and time of the 12th Board meeting

The 12th Board meeting will be held in Swakopmund on Thursday 19th April at 17.20 h.

Chairman

Date