

WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)
2nd Biennial General Meeting held at Gällivare, Sweden, 24 July 2001

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20. Discharge of present Board of Trustees (apart from President-elect who becomes President)

21. Announcement by Chairman of results of election to the 2001-2003 Board:

President-elect: Michael May. Nominated by M.J. Parr; seconded by P.S. Corbet

Secretary: Linda Averill. Nominated by J.D. Silsby; seconded by M.J. Parr

Treasurer: Dorothy Gennard. Nominated by J. Silsby; seconded by P.S. Corbet

Webmaster: Rob Arnold

Trustees: Viola Clausnitzer. Nominated by W. Schneider; seconded by J.D. Silsby; Robert Ketelaar; Gordon Pritchard; Hidenori Ubukata; Reinhardt Joedicke (Journal Editor (appointed))

The newly appointed Board members take their places on the platform.

22. Remarks from the new WDA President

- 23. Any other Business
- 24. Date and Time of Next Meeting
- Closure

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 13.28 h and was attended by 42 members, including 9 Board members.

Abbreviation: [PU] Passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mike Parr (outgoing President) was elected chairman for the meeting;
Proposed by Jill Silsby and seconded by Philip Corbet [PU]

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE RECORDERS

Dorothy Gennard and Louise Ward were proposed as minute recorders by Mike Parr and seconded by Philip Corbet [PU]

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of the agenda was proposed by Mike May and seconded by Peter Mill [PU]

2. APOLOGIES

Linda Averill (newly elected Secretary) and many other WDA members had sent apologies for absence.

3. MINUTES OF THE FIRST BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Acceptance of the minutes (published in *WDA's Agrion* 4(1): 1-4) without amendment was proposed by John Hawking and seconded by Dorothy Gennard. [PU]

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President (Dr M.J. Parr) reminded the meeting that when Jill Silsby wrote in her Editorial for the first Newsletter of WDA (October 1997), that 'This newsletter is making history'. "I believe she had in her mind's eye WDA more or less as we see it now. The fact that, four years on, WDA has proved to be so successful and has achieved so much in that short time", he said, "is a tribute to Jill's enthusiasm, organising ability, skill and extraordinary hard work. Without Jill's indefatigable efforts over the past two years in combining the posts of Secretary, Treasurer and Editor of the Newsletter we would surely not be in such a healthy state now. Although Jill's work as combined Secretary and Treasurer is now at an end, I understand that she is prepared, (maybe even happy?) to continue as Editor of *WDA's Agrion*."

Mike Parr reminded the meeting that one of the very first aims of WDA had been to produce a journal worthy of a premier entomological society. He paid tribute to the work of Henri Dumont in overseeing the launch of the new *International Journal of Odonatology* (Pantala), of which we can all be proud, and in his work as its first Editor-in-Chief; working in conjunction with the publishers Backhuys. Unfortunately Henri's important national and international work made it necessary for him to relinquish his editorial role after six issues of the journal. The President went on to welcome the new

Editor-in-Chief, Reinhardt Jödicke, saying how fortunate WDA was to have him take on the publication of the journal. In his report Mike also paid tribute to the Odonatological Abstracting Service, operated by Martin Lindeboom and Martin Schorr (aided by Martin Lindeboom's wife, Wolfgang Schneider and Jill Silsby) which produces abstracts twice a year.

The President then expressed his gratitude to the WDA Webmaster, Rob Arnold, for his skill and dedicated input into the web page, citing in particular the accurate and impressive logo depicting *Pantala flavescens* against a world map. He also extended the Association's gratitude to Colgate University for enabling Rob to perform this function.

Mike next mentioned the work of Hidenori Ubukata in encouraging the nomination of National Representatives, and identified the Japanese and British representatives (Kazunori Higashi and Peter Allen respectively). He encouraged further consideration of candidates for the posts by members in other countries.

The President acknowledged the enormous personal help and support that Philip Corbet (President-elect) had provided in many matters connected with WDA, including its active promotion. Not least he highlighted the 'Instructions to Authors', which Philip Corbet had been instrumental in drawing up. These, Mike reminded the meeting, would be of great help to both prospective authors and to the new Editor, easing his work to make the journal a work of a consistently high standard.

Next the President outlined the members of the Board of Trustees [Vicky McMillan (Fund raising), Wolfgang Schneider (Liaison), Robert Ketelaar (Conservation and Fund Committee) and Gordon Pritchard (International Symposium Standing Committee); the last two being co-opted at Colgate in 1999]. Mike expressed his deep gratitude to Vicky and Wolfgang who were resigning after four years of membership on the Board, for their respective inputs and expertise in contributing to the Association.

Since the first WDA Symposium in Colgate, the President reminded the meeting, there had been three Regional meetings. In July 1998, a European meeting was held at Lyndhurst in the New Forest, Hampshire, England. In July 2000, Wolfgang Schneider organised a European meeting in the Darmstadt Landesmuseum and in November 2000 Hidenori Ubukata had convened a Japanese meeting in an Osaka Coffee Shop to discuss plans to establish a National Representative and Office for Japan.

WDA promotes research on Odonata through a research fund from which, Mike reminded the meeting, 19 workers have so far benefited, and encourages a wide membership through a sponsorship fund, which has assisted 8 members to date. The President indicated that expansion of the Association now means that further financial support is required for the Sponsorship and Conservation & Research Funds, particularly as WDA is a relatively new organisation.

The President acknowledged the work of WDA member K-D. Dijkstra in organising PHAON (the Pinhey Heritage African Odonata Network) through which many WDA members play a prominent part, (via the web and e-mail) in promoting interest in African dragonflies.

The President expressed thanks on behalf of all members to Göran and Anna Sahlén and their team for their much-appreciated hard work in mounting the symposium in this wonderful part of Sweden. He mentioned the unfortunate car accident that had precluded Anna and several other colleagues from attending the meeting at Gällivare. However Mike told the meeting that Anna had recently telephoned

to say that she had received the card sent by the conference and was deeply grateful for the kind thoughts it expressed. The President also thanked the many members, in addition to those already mentioned, who had contributed significantly to the work of Pantala, *WDA's Agrion* and the well being of WDA.

The meeting rose for a few moments in silence to remember Imato Sonehara and Evelyn Prendergast, who had died since the last meeting.

Finally, Mike Parr thanked everyone for their support and friendship over the past two years of his Presidency and wished the new Board well in this next stage of WDA's life.

6. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

See Annex A.

7. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

See Annex B.

The accounts were published in the last number of *WDA's Agrion* 4(2): 16.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Philip Corbet and seconded by Rob Arnold. [PU]

The following Resolutions were then passed unanimously. That:

The account be amended with Lloyds TSB Bank plc ("the Bank").

The Bank be instructed to honour any debit to the accounts of the organisation (whether the account is in credit, is

overdrawn or becomes overdrawn as a result of such debit) all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes or others (including standing orders and direct debits) for the payment of or receipts for money, provided they are signed by any one of the following three signatories: Linda Averill (Secretary); Philip S. Corbet (President) and Dorothy E Gennard (Treasurer). [PU]

Noted that this applies only to sums up to £300; sums greater than £300 will require two signatories, and accept their instructions as authority for the Bank to deliver any deeds, securities or other items that the Bank holds in safe custody or for any other purpose.

The instructions set out in proposal 2 above, shall apply to any future account or facilities with the Bank unless otherwise specifically agreed or instructed.

The Bank will be provided with a copy of the WDA Constitution and By Laws (already lodged with the Bank), and also with copies of any resolutions amending them, that from time to time may be passed by the membership and certified by the Chairperson or Secretary.

That the Bank will be provided with a list of the names of Officials of the Organisation and also with copies of any resolutions amending them from time to time, which will be passed certified by the Chairperson or the Secretary.

These resolutions will be communicated to the bank and remain in force until an amending resolution be duly passed and a copy of the resolution, certified by the Chairperson or Secretary, shall have been received by the bank.

The Treasurer asked how many members would like to have the facility of Standing Orders? A show of

hands indicated that 24 people would like to use this facility. In answer to a question from Peter Mill regarding the option of using Direct Debit, it was suggested that the incoming Treasurer might like to explore this option. Comments from the floor indicated that members in some countries preferred to send money by mail. Further discussion centred on the value of sending money in US dollars from Canada and the United States, or the option of Europeans using the Euro.

Members who wished to cease membership were asked to indicate their intention to do so early in the year to avoid expense incurred in producing unwanted copies of the Association's publications.

8. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER FOR THE ACCOUNTS

Appointment of Andrew Cooke, accountant, as examiner of accounts for the next two years, was proposed by Dorothy Gennard and seconded by Wolfgang Schneider. [PU] A vote of thanks was extended to Mr Ron Hodges, a retired Director of the Midland Bank, who had filled the post for the past four years.

9. REPORT OF JOURNAL EDITOR

The 2001 Report by the Editor was presented by Reinhardt Jödicke, who said:

'Dear President, dear colleagues on the Board and dear members, last year in December, our young journal experienced a change of editorship. Henri Dumont, the first Editor-in-Chief, felt that he, in future, would be unable to invest enough time in the journal; so he looked for a successor. I offered my services, which were finally accepted by the Board of Trustees.

On 12 December 2000 I went to Ghent where Henri handed *The International Journal of Odonatology* over to me. In a meeting, which was also attended by the Publisher, Wil Peters, and another WDA Board member, Wolfgang Schneider, I received many helpful instructions and a collection of manuscripts that had been submitted for publication. These papers formed a good basis upon which to start work on the first issue of volume 4. I am very grateful to Henri Dumont and Christine Declerque, his secretary, for this well prepared "start-up capital".

My first decision was to introduce a fixed publication schedule: issue 1 to be published in the beginning of the second quarter and issue 2 in the beginning of the last quarter of each year. Since there was a good flow of new manuscripts when I started, I succeeded in producing my first issue in April 2001. If all of you can help to maintain such a stream of submitted manuscripts in the coming years, I see no difficulty in complying with this publication schedule.

The document 'Instructions to Authors', published in volume 3(1) and also on our homepage, is a huge help in my work. You will all have noted the distinct improvement in our journal since these instructions have been followed consistently. In my personal view a consistent format for our journal is extremely important. This is why I propose to introduce further standardisation. To take account of this, an updated version of the Instructions to Authors will be published in the journal and on the web page. The most important modification is the following. Please, submit your manuscripts in electronic form only. (The requirement that manuscripts be submitted in hard copy in triplicate is now obsolete.)

The new Editorial Board, which consists of 18 colleagues, is another great help to me. All correspondence between the Editorial Office and the Board is conducted by e-mail. This saves time and postage. In taking up my editorial work I compiled a document "Instructions to Referees", which may help them when writing reviews of manuscripts. Each submitted paper will be reviewed by two independent referees and finally by me. I have requested reviews from the following external experts

in addition to the Editorial Board: Ola Fincke, Günther Peters and Hansruedi Wildermuth. Advice on various scientific matters has been provided by Heinrich Fliedner (classical philology), Klaus Guido Leipelt (general) and Dirk Johannes Mikolajewski (statistics), Philip Corbet has checked the English for papers written in British English and Vicky McMillan has done so for papers written in American English. Last but not least, my relations with Wil Peters from Backhuys Publishers are excellent. He is most helpful and open to my suggestions. I am very grateful to them all.

In the hands of Henri Dumont *The International Journal of Odonatology* had a fortunate beginning. Looking at the contents of the first four volumes, altogether 64 scientific papers were published (see Contents vols 1-4). Eighty-five authors have been involved up to now, several of them contributing more than one paper (see Author index). If the authorship of all papers is grouped by continent, the frequency distribution is dominated by European contributions, but we can demonstrate a broad internationality of authorship. This aspect of internationality is perfectly demonstrated if we consider all of the published papers in terms of their reference to the different continents. This broad range of different topics has attracted more and more subscribers.

I intend to put all my effort and strength into carrying out the task of editing a journal which is a mirror for the current studies in odonatology, that is attractive to all odonatologists and that gets better and better. Please support this endeavour with the best of your manuscripts!

10. REPORT OF WEBMASTER

See Annex C.

11. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL/REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR

As regional Coordinator, Hidenori Ubukata had been in contact with 'unofficial' representatives from UK, Japan, US and Germany and with some other colleagues to establish national/regional groups. These are appropriate for countries with more than 20 members (Hidenori apologised for not being in touch with members of the rest of the countries on this matter. He asked that members should contact him prior to the next BGM if they are interested in nominating a regional or national representative).

The meeting was advised that Japan and the UK had already established national groups. After e-mail discussion with members of both countries, Hidenori Ubukata received many supportive responses (24 positive responses out of 31 e-mails from UK, and 18 out of 25 from Japan. There were no objections). After this procedure, he officially appointed Peter Allen and Kazunori Higashi as the national representatives for UK and Japan respectively. The official e-mails were read at this point. Ratification of these appointments was proposed by Hidenori Ubukata and seconded by Wolfgang Schneider. [PU]

Mike May informed the meeting that at the recent meeting of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas the WDA members present had agreed that Vicky McMillan should be proposed as the US National Representative of WDA. In response to this proposal, Hidenori Ubukata formally appointed Vicky McMillan as the WDA National Representative for the USA. Ratification of this appointment was proposed by him and seconded by Reinhardt Jödicke. [PU]

12. REPORT OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Belgium (report by Geert de Knijf).

250 people are currently interested in dragonflies in Belgium. Their interest is stimulated mainly by the production of the distribution map and the newsletter *Gomphus*. This has two issues per year. Each summer there are a number of excursions. Every two years there is a Belgian Odonatological Symposium.

Germany (report by Wolfgang Schneider).

There are 44 members in Germany, making it the third largest national group of WDA. Discussion about the establishment of a National Representative led to the suggestion that the German-speaking Odonatological Society (GdO) might be used as a vehicle whereby a small group meeting of WDA might be facilitated. Wolfgang will continue to collect and organise the subscriptions.

Japan (report from Kazunori Higashi read by Akihiko Sasamoto).

Kazunori Higashi writes "It is a great honour for me to be selected as the Japanese representative of the Worldwide Dragonfly Association today. I recommend Dr Nomakuchi (Saga University) and Mr Sasamoto (Kyoto University) as Vice representatives, and Dr Ubukata (Hokkaido University of Education) as Secretary-General) With their co-operation, I hope to contribute much to the growth and expansion of WDA."

"Dr Ubukata has established, as one of our activities, a mailing list of Japanese members to exchange information about various subjects. For example, the northward movement of *Pantala flavescens* has been reported through the mailing list.

We now have 32 Japanese members of WDA. I would like to introduce WDA to graduate students and college students at Japanese universities and to increase the Japanese membership in WDA further."

The Netherlands (report by Vincent Kalkman).

There are 250 members of the Dutch Dragonfly Society of which 11 are also WDA members. There is hope that this organisation will play a greater role in Dutch conservation programmes. Equally it is hoped that participation in the Leiden meeting will stimulate further involvement in the WDA.

UK (report by Peter Allen read by Jill Silsby).

Peter writes, "Please accept my apologies for absence. My work makes it impossible to attend the 2001 symposium and BGM. The membership of WDA in the UK stands at 43 + 2 affiliated members; there have been two resignations in the past year. I have to report, with great sadness, the death of Evelyn Prendergast, a very active member who had become an expert in African Odonata with particular interest in The Gambia. He had worked hard to stimulate an interest in Odonata within that country."

"WDA members continue to play an active part in British odonatology: Treasurer -elect Dorothy Gennard is a Trustee of the British Dragonfly Society (BDS) and is hosting the 2001 Indoor Meeting of the Society at Lincoln University.

Mike Averill is a Trustee of BDS and organises the Society's field meetings; David Pryce is a Trustee of BDS and has started an exuviae library for educational purposes; David Goddard is Librarian-Archivist of the Society; Peter Allen has been appointed Vice-chair of BDS; Peter Mill has finally retired from the Board of Trustees, having held offices since the foundation of the Society; Steve Cham is the national recorder for the Odonata Recording Scheme; Nick Donnithorne and Peter Allen hold subsidiary roles as county recorders; Jonathan Pickup is the editor of *The Journal of the British Dragonfly Society*; David Thompson, with the help of his students from Liverpool University, continues his studies on *Coenagrion mercuriale* in its disparate sites in the UK; Professor Corbet and Drs Moore and Parr continue to be involved in many, many schemes."

Peter reported that the membership of BDS stands at 1429 and noted that a full-time Conservation Officer had now been appointed to publicise and foster interest in dragonflies. Among her tasks will be the production of a species-by-species management handbook. He indicated that the dozen or so field meetings held annually are regularly attended by at least 20 members who learn about particular sites and their species. Peter also noted that the National Dragonfly BioMuseum continued to flourish and has recently celebrated its 10th anniversary.

13. INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM STANDING COMMITTEE

Gordon Pritchard (Committee Chairman) indicated the nature and function of the Committee, which had been initiated after the Colgate meeting and noted that after the Swedish conference Anna and Göran Sahlén would be invited to become members of the Committee.

Gordon outlined the geographical sequence of locations proposed for conferences in rubric 5 (a) of the WDA By Laws, which was Europe/Africa, The Americas, Europe/Africa, Asia/Australasia, Europe/Africa, The Americas etc. He noted that the next Symposium would be held in Australia and that John Hawking was well ahead with plans. Gordon explained that no African venue had been offered for the following Symposium in 2005 but that an offer had been made to host the meeting in Spain.

14. REPORT OF THE ORGANISER OF THE 2001 SYMPOSIUM

Göran Sahlén provided a report on the success of the current symposium, which is being attended by 90 people (including family members). The initial suggestion to host a meeting in Sweden had been made four years ago in Maribor when Jill Silsby had asked: "Why not host a meeting in Sweden?" Göran provided a description of his search to find a suitable venue with exotic aspects in Sweden. He acknowledged the degree of help that the people of the municipality of Gällivare had provided and also the assistance provided by Rob Arnold in facilitating electronic registration. He also emphasised the help and support of the team of people working with him and their organisations, including Anna Sahlén at the University of Agricultural Science, the Universities of Uppsala and Halmstad (for Göran), and Birgitta Kärleman at the Agricultural School of Rättvik (not forgetting her dog!). The WDA donation to support Symposium participants from countries with problematic financial exchanges and students was gratefully acknowledged. He also acknowledged the organisations, which sponsored the Symposium, including WDA, and the Wenner Gren Foundation, Stockholm.

15. REPORT OF ORGANISERS OF FUTURE SYMPOSIA

15.1 *The Symposium in 2003*

John Hawking gave a slide-presentation describing the location and other aspects of the proposed January 2003 Symposium at La Trobe University, Beechworth, S.E.Australia. (Australasia is the location for the next Symposium as specified in the sequence outlined in the By Laws (see Agenda item 13).

Thereafter the venues would be Europe/Africa, and then the Americas.

The location is 50 km from Victoria. John's presentation provided an insight into the excellent historic buildings, accommodation and odonatologically relevant sites. John emphasised the wide range of accommodation available at La Trobe University and explained that the campus was dedicated to the Catering Faculty at the university, which also had a teaching facility provided in the form of a 5 star International Hotel serviced by the students.

The Post-Symposium field trip would, John said, take the form of river sampling from 1600 m to 2000 m altitude, in which participants would gain further insight into the zonation of Gondwanan genera.

The presentation concluded with an exciting array of slides of Australian Odonata providing an intriguing insight into the delights in store for members at the next Symposium.

15.2. *The Symposium in 2005*

Adolfo Cordero Rivera of the Forestry School, Vigo University, NW Spain, offered WDA hospitality there for its 4th Symposium in 2005. In amplification of his offer he showed slides of the region.

In order that successful preparations could be put in place, and the meeting not being aware of any further offers from Europe or Africa, Peter Mill proposed that a strong recommendation be made to the Symposium Standing Committee to accept the offer Adolfo was making. Philip Corbet seconded this proposal. The motion was carried unanimously. [PU]

The meeting adjourned until 15.55 h when Philip Corbet proposed that Agenda Item 19 be considered next, and out of sequence, to provide adequate time for discussion. Rob Arnold seconded the proposal. [PU]

19. THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL

A motion (see Annex D) had been distributed before the meeting to Symposium participants regarding concerns relating to the need to collect odonatological specimens, including voucher specimens, responsibly i.e. for scientific research. The motion arose as a result of such scientific activities being impeded in the field. The President's motion contained three proposals, as listed in Annex D.

The President also proposed that WDA draw up a Code of Practice for collecting by WDA members, which would be published in *WDA's Agrion*. In making these proposals, he had the support of another WDA member, Dennis Paulson, who strongly supported the motion and had sent e-mails to this effect. Mike May had agreed to act as proxy for Dennis Paulson in this respect, because Dennis had been unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was asked whether it would be willing to consider the motion as a whole. A vote was taken: 32 members voted for and 1 against.

The discussion was wide-ranging. John Hawking expressed his concern at the possibility of bulk sampling of Odonata for financial gain but supported the need for sampling for scientific purposes. Wolfgang Schneider emphasised that movement of biological material could only be undertaken in conformation with the relevant regulations.

Mike May commented that the term, 'voucher specimens', in the proposal emphasised that the circumstance of collection was not for commercial gain. He commented that the proposal, however, did not address directly the aspect of greater pressure on collecting sites. Astrid Grenstad and Wolfgang Schneider both commented on large markets for dragonflies and artefacts made from dragonflies in their countries. Wolfgang suggested that the Code of Practice should indicate WDA's concern at purchase of dragonflies on the open market. Jan van Tol encouraged the inclusion of a preamble in the Code to explain the reason for the regulations. The preamble, he suggested, was a way of demonstrating consensus within the Association, regarding the purpose of collection. Further discussion centred on the need to prepare a draft of the article for *WDA's Agrion* and to produce a Code of Practice. The meeting was informed by Philip Corbet that the Board had agreed to produce a Code at its meeting the previous day.

Peter Mill proposed that, notwithstanding the earlier decision to consider the three proposals together, it might be easier to take each one in turn. He then proposed (with regard to proposal 1) that the article should not be published until a draft had been distributed for comment. This amendment, and Peter Mill's preceding motion (to consider the proposals separately), was supported by Mike May.

As amended, proposal No. 1 would now read "Subject to a draft being distributed for comment prior to its publication, an article will be published in the newsletter unequivocally stating WDA's support for the need to collect voucher specimens of dragonflies for researchsuch collecting."

The new motion (comprising Peter Mill's first motion plus amended proposal No. 1) was passed with 21 for, and 5 against.

Following an invitation to the meeting by the Chairman, the following members expressed a wish to see and comment on the draft of the newsletter article before it went to the Board for ratification: Astrid Grendstad, Wolfgang Schneider, Mike Parr, Adolfo Cordero, Mike May, Jan van Tol, Robert Ketelaar and John Hawking.

Further discussion of the third proposal then took place. Peter Mill emphasised the need to circulate the article only after the Code of Practice had been produced, and proposed an amendment to that effect.

Following this suggestion the third proposal was amended to read that "Subject to the production of the Code of Practice for the collection of Odonata being produced, to send a copy of the newsletter article to Presidents and Directors of national organisations, including museums, who are at risk from

vigilante activity, inviting them to take an explicit stand supporting the need to collect for research purposes."

The third proposal, as amended, was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mike May [21 votes for and five against].

With regard to proposal 2 (in Annex D), Robert Ketelaar expressed his reservations at acting on individual cases and suggested that there was a need for a strategy to respond to incidents involving collection that were reported to WDA. The discussion proceeded until the Chairman asked the meeting to adjourn so that members could attend the evening activity that had been previously scheduled. The meeting was accordingly adjourned at 16.55 h.

The meeting reconvened at 18.40 h on 25 July. Mike Parr retained his role as Chairman.

The Chairman then proposed that he withdraw proposal 2 of the previous motion. This was seconded by Philip Corbet [PU]

16. REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION & RESEARCH COMMITTEE

See Annex E

17. REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY AND FUND-RAISING OFFICER

See Annex F

18. REPORT OF THE IUCN REPRESENTATIVE

See Annex G

20. DISCHARGE OF PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The present Board of Trustees was discharged, except for the President-elect who was to become President, and the Journal Editor, Reinhard Jödicke.

21. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE RESULTS OF ELECTION TO THE 2001-2003 BOARD

The newly elected Board Members were as follows:

President-elect: Michael May. Nominated by M.J.Parr; seconded by P.S. Corbet.

Secretary: Linda Averill. Nominated by J. Silsby; seconded by M.J.Parr

Treasurer: Dorothy Gennard. Nominated by J. Silsby; seconded by P.S. Corbet

Webmaster: Rob Arnold

Trustees: Viola Clausnitzer. Nominated by W. Schneider; seconded by J. Silsby

Robert Ketelaar

Gordon Pritchard

Hidenori Ubukata

Journal Editor: Reinhard Jödicke (appointed)

The newly appointed Board members took their places on the platform.

The Chairman proposed that items 16, and 17 in the Agenda be submitted as written reports directly to the minute recorders for inclusion in the Minutes. The report from the IUCN Representative (Jan van Tol) had been presented at the IUCN meeting held earlier in the week but would also be submitted as a written report. The meeting accepted this proposal and the reports are attached as Annexes E-G.

22. REMARKS FROM THE NEW WDA PRESIDENT

The new president of the WDA, Philip Corbet, said it was "an honour to accept the presidency of the society" and, with reference to the two symposia of the WDA held at Colgate in 1999 and Gällivare in 2001, he had found them to be "festivals of inclusiveness and was proud of WDA's dedication to high standards in everything it does". He concluded that the WDA was in 'good heart' and looked forward,

with pleasure and excitement, to serving the WDA in the future.
Thanks were extended to Philip Corbet from Mike Parr.

23. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23.1. *Other newly elected members*

Noting that Linda Averill had been unable to attend the Symposium and be formerly welcomed along with other new members of the Trustees, Mike Parr described Linda as an enthusiastic person and said it was a pleasure to have her take on the role of Secretary for the WDA.

24. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

This would be in Australia at La Trobe University in 2003, at a time to be announced.
Philip Corbet proposed that the meeting be closed and Peter Mill seconded this motion. [PU]
The meeting ended at 19.00 h

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ANNEXES

ANNEX A

Agenda item 6. Report of the Secretary

Membership

Our membership today is 256 (as at 24 July 2001)

Single: 190 Family: 14 Student: 16 Affiliated: 3 No Journal: 22 Sp/member: 8

This number includes 21 unpaid up members (4 from India, 6 from Germany, 11 from USA), who will shortly be struck off. We will not regard them as lost causes however, and hope that most will eventually remember to pay their dues, once they realise that they are no longer receiving mailings.

It is important to remember that these numbers do not include libraries, universities, and museums etc. that subscribe to Pantala. Such institutions pay a yearly £50 subscription direct to Backhuys Publishing and they are not members of WDA. They may, however, become so by joining the Association as Affiliated Societies, in which case they receive Pantala and *WDA's Agrion* with its valuable accompanying Odonatological Abstracts and become involved in our activities and charitable exercises. It is our aim to increase the number of Affiliated Societies and members are asked to encourage their places of work (universities, colleges, museums etc.) and also their national odonatological and other wildlife societies, to join WDA. To date we have just three Affiliated Societies: The British Dragonfly Society, De Vlinderstichting (Dutch Butterfly Society), and the UK's National Dragonfly BioMuseum. Lets have more!

Funds

General Fund

This contains all available income – that is, all monies received go into this fund after money required for the journal has been put aside.

Conservation Fund

Money received for this fund (which is available within "available income") is raised by specific donations from members, from money received for the Schmidt reprints and from the sale of goods.

Sponsorship Fund

This is funded by most members of the Editorial Board paying WDA for their copy of Pantala, even though they receive free copies from Backhuys. It is sufficient to provide sponsored membership for (at present) eight odonatologists who would otherwise find it difficult, if not impossible, to get their subscriptions to us.

The S/F Fund has been expanded to assist students or other genuine hard cases wishing to attend this and future symposia. The money from the sale of the WDA pens and Car Stickers has been allocated to the S/F fund. More such enterprises would be welcome.

WDA Website

Rob Arnold and Colgate University, between them, are of inestimable help to the WDA and I, as Secretary, am still unable to believe how easy it is to make additions and alterations to the web and how IMMEDIATE is the response. Members and non-members of WDA alike read our pages, with pleasure, and, to date, the Home Page has received nearly 35,000 visitors. I hope both Rob and the University know how much they are appreciated.

WDA's Agrion

As Editor of our Newsletter, I would like to thank all those of our members who contribute to it. We now have several rivals for the type of content the newsletter hopes to attract – particularly the newsletters of various of the national publications and, perhaps above all, Dennis Paulson's Listbot. But I am still firmly of the opinion that *WDA's Agrion* serves an important function: it provides a vehicle for anecdotal, accounts of odonatological outings and trips – valuable, readable and light hearted accounts that would otherwise probably never see the light of day. I would like to hear from many more of our members!!

Odonatological Abstract Service

I would like to acknowledge here how much we all appreciate the immense amount of hard work and dedication that goes into the providing of the Odonatological Abstracts. We do pay IDF £2 per member for the service but we realise that this nowhere near compensates Martin Lindeboom and Martin Schorr for their labour. As our membership increases, so will the contribution we make and this is another reason why a speedy growth is much to be desired

ANNEX B

Agenda item 7 Report of the Treasurer July 2001-08-17

Accounts

The notes at the foot of the published account provide explanation.

Statement of the Independent Examiner.

Subscriptions

There is no need to raise our subscriptions again for the present.

SINGLE	(with journal) - £30	SINGLE (without journal) - £13
FAMILY	(" ") - £40	FAMILY (" ") - £23
STUDENT	(" ") - £22	STUDENT (" ") - £8

After paying for the production of Pantala and the Odonatological Abstracts (OA), for the printing and posting of *WDA's Agrion* twice a year, and the printing and postage of the very small number of OA's we now have to send out (thanks to our SECURE Website), we are able to make considerable subsidies to our 16 students. We also have 8 sponsored members whose subscriptions are partly

funded from our S/F Fund (thanks to donations from the Editorial Board) and partly from the General Fund.

Donations

We are fortunate in that all present members of the Board of Trustees are either working in universities, museums, etc. and are thus able to make use of institutional e-mail, telephone and stationary facilities- or else, as unemployed individuals, they do not charge for these things. This will not always be the case and it is important that prospective Trustees do not feel they should not claim legitimate expenses.

We do not have to pay for our website, thanks to Colgate University.

We receive considerable help with the mailings of *WDA's Agrion* and OA.

A number of members regularly include donations with their subscriptions, and finally we receive a number of generous donations, both to the General Fund and to the Conservation Fund, for which we are extremely grateful.

Without these donations (in kind and in cash) we would not be able to make the various sponsorship and conservation grants that we are obliged to make in accordance with our Constitution.

Provided we continue to receive donations to the General and the Conservation Funds and provided members of the Editorial Board continue to donate their journal subscription (£18) to the Sponsorship Fund, AND PROVIDED WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR PANTALA, WDA's financial state should, at the present rates, be at least stable.

Reminders

One of the Treasurer's most time-consuming tasks, and one which adds considerably to the cost of running any charity, is that of having to send reminders to members who forget to pay their subscriptions. Two things would help:

Standing Orders would help considerably. I'm not asking you to vote on this but I would like to know how many of you think it a good idea.

Members who wish to cease membership are asked to inform the Treasurer early in the year so that WDA can avoid having to pay Backhuys for their copy of Pantala and so that the printing and posting of too many copies of *WDA's Agrion* and OA can be avoided.

ANNEX C

Agenda item 10 Webmaster's Report for 2001 BGM

As in my report for the 1999 Symposium, I'll begin this report by showing how the content of the WDA website meets the requirements as set out in rubric 9 of the By-Laws of the Worldwide Dragonfly Society. This rubric states:

9. INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF ODONATOLOGICAL INFORMATION (I.N.O.I.)

- a) WDA aims at promoting the diffusion of odonatological knowledge by all methods of communication. For this reason INOI shall be established, with the aim of becoming the centre of information about WDA and about Odonata on a computerised basis.
- b) INOI shall set up a WDA homepage that will include major information about the Association and links to other Odonata homepages;
- c) It shall also establish an Odonata Database (ODAT) containing such items as an odonatological World Checklist and World Bibliography; electronic publications such as journals, newsletters, booklets, etc.
- d) Other objectives shall be set by the Board of Trustees

By-Law 9(a) has been met by the establishment of INOI; by stating on the web page that the home pages are under the auspices of INOI; and by the web site containing a link to a page that lists the content of rubric 9 of the By-Laws and explains what INOI stands for.

By-Law 9b) has been met by the existence of the WDA home page and by the links it contains to other Odonata homepages, specifically the following:

Congress and 1st International Symposium Home Page (Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, July 1999)

2nd International Symposium Home Page (Gällivare, Sweden, July 2001)

Pages giving reports of meetings, minutes of meetings, and publications of interest to odonatologists

By-Law 9c) has been met by the establishment of an Odonata database (ODAT), and the provision of links on the WDA home pages to the following web pages:

Beginner's Guide to Dragonflies

Do Dragonflies Bite? **

Use of Odonate Larvae for Biocontrol of Insect Pests, by Philip Corbet **

Dragonflies in Folklore and Art **

Collecting Dragonflies

DSA Guide to Collecting

Worldwide checklist of dragonfly and damselfly species, compiled by Martin Schorr, Martin

Lindeboom, and Dennis Paulson

List of World Odonatists

Matthias Hartung's Odonata-Homepage **

National Dragonfly BioMuseum **

New World Odonata List, revised edition (5 August 1998) compiled by Rosser Garrison

Ode News: Blair Nikula's newsletter about dragonflies and damselflies in southern New England. **

Odonatological Bibliography, compiled by Günter Bechly

Odonatological Information Network. ODAT is pleased to be linked with OIN

Odonatological Links from the Ode News Web site, compiled by Jackie Sones

**Additions to website since the 1999 report

1) Links to other organizations and individuals

Currently, we list:

Australian Dragonfly Society.

Belgium Dragonfly Working Group

British Dragonfly Society

Cameroon Dragonfly Project

Dragonfly Ireland

Indian Odonata

List of Italian Odonata

Nordisk Odonatologisk Forum

Odonata Links on the World Wide Web

Odonata of the Eastern Mediterranean

Società Entomologica Italiana

Please send other relevant links to the Webmaster (rarnold@mail.colgate.edu)

2) Password-protected sites for *WDA's Agrion* and Odonatological Abstracts

As discussed at the 1999 BGM, I have created password-protected sites for the full versions of these publications. To date in 2001, 31 WDA members have requested and been given the username and password for access to these sites. At present, all WDA members receive printed copies of *WDA's Agrion*, as previously; the chief advantages of the online versions being that they can contain images in full color and that the current and past issues are searchable using keywords. *Odonatological Abstracts*, on the other hand, is no longer routinely sent out to members, although members who do not have an internet connection (or who prefer) can still request a printed version. This change has already saved WDA a large amount of money previously devoted to postage! All paid-up members of WDA are eligible to receive the password and should email the Webmaster (rarnold@mail.colgate.edu) to obtain this information. The username and/or password will be changed in 2002.

I plan to ask that the Trustees spend some time at the WDA Board meetings in Gällivare in discussing alternative (and, hopefully, better) ways of distributing the username/password information to members in future.

Usage of the website and future developments

At the time of writing this report, there have been over 33,700 visits to the WDA website, which is a very encouraging number in approximately 3 years of operation! I'm also encouraged by the e-mails I receive from people who visit the site and who have comments or questions about dragonflies they've seen: I greatly enjoy replying to these emails or forwarding them to those more knowledgeable than I for a response.

I have also been giving some thought to streamlining and modernizing the site.

- 1) The start page has become quite long, occupying several screens-worth of information and requiring much scrolling up and down. This could be rectified by the use of frames and drop-down menus. The problem with this is that frames are not supported by older versions of Netscape and Internet Explorer and can be problematic for people with slower computers; hence, it would probably be necessary to maintain two versions for browsers with and without frames. I intend to seek guidance from the membership at the BGM.
- 2) Several users have suggested an animated flying dragonfly on the start page! I'm looking into how to do this.
- 3) Other users have suggested something other than the "glaring white" background characteristic of all the pages, perhaps involving inclusion of a dragonfly as background image. This is also something I'm considering, but I have also received many compliments about the "clean, readable" pages and don't want them to become too cluttered! Again, I will seek guidance from members.

Respectfully submitted
Robert M. Arnold, WDA Webmaster
June 20, 2001

ANNEX D

The President's motion

Agenda item **18**. Notice of motion to be proposed at Second Biennial General Meeting, Gällivare, Sweden, July 2001

Explanation

1. The WDA is a Registered Charity required by its Constitution to promote the study and conservation of dragonflies and their natural habitats in all parts of the world. In furtherance of this object, WDA has the power to promote collaborative research among odonatologists throughout the world.
2. Members and Trustees would assume, expect and hope that WDA would strive for the highest standards in pursuing these goals.
3. Odonatology, including faunistic studies, involving taxonomy and science-based conservation of species and habitats, often requires the collection and retention of voucher specimens so that determinations can be subject to independent verification – a process that underpins the scientific method.
4. Many people, including members of WDA and other scientists, have an aversion to killing animals. However, this aversion does not entitle them to interfere with the legitimate activities of scientists who need to secure voucher specimens for research.
5. An incident occurred recently during which an experienced and knowledgeable odonatologist was prevented from obtaining a voucher specimen of a dragonfly for the London Natural History Museum by a group of self-appointed vigilantes at a field site. One result was that no voucher specimen exists to verify the identity of the first North American dragonfly to reach Europe. This incident was followed by an ornithologist, who had heard of it though not witnessed it, publicly slandering and intimidating the would-be collector, through an e-mail address list containing more than 30 people. The incident was reported in the *International Journal of Odonatology* (2000) 3: 153-162. Though reprimanded by his employer, (the British Ornithological Union), by the then President of the British Dragonfly Society, and by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust (on whose land the incident took place) the ornithologist remains in the BO.U.'s employ and no organisation of stature has gone on record as deploring such behaviour, except for the British Trust for Ornithology whose Newsletter featured an article by the Director warning of the threat to science posed by harassment of collectors.
6. If incidents such as the one referred to are allowed to pass without challenge and exposure, scientific research will face a growing threat in Britain. It can be seen as an obligation of all organisations of national or international standing to expose, and oppose, such behaviour in a way that will make clear to the public where they stand. Otherwise the freedom of *bona-fide* scientists to pursue their calling with impunity will be in jeopardy. Particularly vulnerable are nationwide conservation initiatives such as the National Biodiversity Network whose credibility relies absolutely on authoritative and verifiable species distribution records. Unless such bodies take resolute action to 'stand up and be counted', Edmund Burke's ominous dictum is likely to be fulfilled:

"All that is needed for evil to prosper is that good men do nothing."

7. This being so, it can be seen as an early obligation of WDA to expose, and oppose, unlawful action of the kind that has been described above. WDA has this obligation in principle but also because its members are unusually vulnerable among entomologists: being "the birdwatcher's insects", dragonflies are most likely to attract the attention of ornithologists who are tempted to impose their code of conduct on those of a different persuasion.

Accordingly it is proposed that WDA, through its President:

Publish in its newsletter an article unequivocally stating WDA's support for the need to collect voucher specimens of dragonflies for research, and deploring the activities of any persons who try to interfere with such collecting;

Write to the person who generated the slanderous e-mails (with a copy to his employer), disapproving his unlawful actions;

Send a copy of the newsletter article and this document of explanation containing the proposal to Presidents or Directors of national organisations, including museums, whose members are likely to be at risk from vigilante activity, inviting them to take an explicit stand supporting the need to collect for research purposes.

Mike Parr
President, WDA

July 2001

ANNEX E

Agenda item 16. Report of the Conservation and Research Fund Committee

Owing to unforeseen work pressures and in the light of the summary included with the report from the Secretary

ANNEX F

Agenda item 17. Report of the Publicity and Fund-raising Officer

Vicky McMillan writes:

'There is still much to consider regarding fund-raising options for WDA. I think we should explore further the possibility of accepting advertisements to be placed in *WDA's Agrion*. I have contacted several publishers (recommended to me by Philip Corbet), as well as small businesses, about their interest in placing advertisements. These include E.W.Classey, Harley Books, Pemberley Books, Fulvio Quinto (a maker of entomological books), Molly Hukari (maker of insect nets), Amy Adams, producer of dragonfly-themed clothing, tiles and other items), and Richard Walton (producer of the video 'Common Dragonflies of the East'). Classey, Fulvio Quinto and Walton have replied positively and would like more information, and I am still waiting to hear from the others. Of course, there are undoubtedly many other companies we might contact. What remains to be determined, presumably by the new Board of WDA, are guidelines and prices for advertisements should we decide to follow this route. I suggest that we do so as soon as possible, so that we continue discussions with those companies who have expressed interest.

Meanwhile we can continue sales of WDA T-shirts, and I suggest that we consider offering other WDA or dragonfly-themed items for sale, such as visors, aprons etc. I would be willing to help to co-ordinate the production, sale and distribution of such items if desired. The website, in addition to *WDA's Agrion*, is a good place to advertise materials. In addition there are still extra copies of the two items left over from WDA's first Symposium at Colgate University. These are a) Walton's 'Common Dragonflies of the N.E.' video, in NTSC format, available for \$18.00 and b) the transcript of the Plenary session, led by Philip Corbet, focusing on the biology of *Sympetrum* in the Americas, as well as other topics - available for \$2.00. Both of these items can be ordered from me (vmcmillan@mail.colgate.edu), the proceeds going to WDA.

In summary, there are several areas we might explore for raising extra funds for WDA. These may not bring in large sums of money, but every little counts. I hope the new Board will explore these options further and if I can help in any way, I shall be glad to do so.

ANNEX G

Agenda item 18. Report of IUCN Representative (awaited)

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