

WORLDWIDE DRAGONFLY ASSOCIATION (WDA)
7th Biennial General Meeting held at Leiden, Netherlands
9 July, 2011

MINUTES
Pending Approval by the Membership

The meeting started at 11:00 AM. It was attended by the following 15 members:

Klaus-Jürgen Conze, Klaas-Douwe Dijkstra, Natalia von Ellenrieder, Rosser Garrison, Reinhard Jödicke, Vincent Kalkman, Michael May, Misa Piper, Werner Piper, Robert Reimer, Boudjéma Samraoui, Göran Sahlén, Wolfgang Schneider, Jan van Tol, Marcel Wasscher

WELCOME

Wolfgang Schneider as President welcomed the members present and thanked Vincent Kalkman for arranging the meeting that under normal circumstances would have taken place at the biennial symposium scheduled for Odawara, Japan.

APPOINTMENT OF MINUTE RECORDERS

Mike May moved and Natalia von Ellenreider seconded that Robert Reimer and Klaus-Jürgen Conze be appointed as minute recorders. [PU]

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mike May moved and Rosser Garrison seconded the agenda be approved as distributed. [PU]

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Wolfgang Schneider noted that apologies were received from board members who could not attend (Adolfo Cordero, David Allan Fitch, Dennis Paulson, Gordon Pritchard, Richard Rowe, Mamoru Watanabe and Keith Wilson) as well as others due to the unusual conditions the meeting was held under.

3. MINUTES OF THE SIXTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 12th June 2009

Wolfgang Schneider summarized the minutes of the last Biennial General Meeting held in Xalapa, Mexico. The minutes are also available on the web site. Vincent Kalkman moved and Mike May seconded that the minutes be approved as published.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

Jan van Tol requested to opportunity to make a brief proposal to the meeting. He proposed that the WDA support the All Odonates Barcode of Life project with the staff of Naturalis, Leiden, Netherlands coordinating. After a brief discussion of other potential participants to be integrated into the project, there was general agreement that this was a good idea. Wolfgang Schneider suggested that the proposal should be further discussed by the new board. Jan van Tol noted that a quick decision would be appreciated so that the All Odonate project could be registered with the Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) at their next meeting in November 2011 at Adelaide, Australia.

Wolfgang Schneider and Misa Piper asked for support for writing a letter to the organizers of the Japan Congress thanking them for their work in organizing the conference for 2011 and encouraging them to hold the congress in 2015 which is the next biennial time slot that does not have a site chosen.

5. BIENNIAL REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Natalia von Ellenreider suggested that members present read the copies of the Biennial Reports From Board Members that had been handed out.

Unfortunately, the Treasurer was unable to provide a report for the meeting so this report was missing.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Robert Reimer moved and Natalia von Ellenreider seconded, that the reports be approved as published with the proviso that the Treasurer's Report be published on the WDA web site and Agrion when it is available. [PU]

7. DISCHARGE OF PRESENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Klaus-Jürgen Conze moved, seconded by Rosser Garrison, that the present Board of Trustees (with the exception of President-Elect, Göran Sahlén, who becomes President) under the condition that the Report of the Treasurer will be published on the WDA web site and in Agrion within a reasonable time. [PU]

With the discharge of Wolfgang Schneider as President, the new President, Göran Sahlén, assumed moderation of the meeting.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Göran Sahlén reviewed the list of the incoming board as nominated and approved by the membership through an electronic vote held :

President: Göran Sahlén

President Elect: Boudjéma Samraoui (proposed by G. Sahlén, seconded by W. Schneider)

Immediate Past President: Wolfgang Schneider

Secretary: Robert Reimer (proposed by W. Schneider, seconded by Andreas Martens)

Treasurer: David Allan Fitch

Journal Editor: Michael May

Agrion Editor: Keith Wilson

Webmaster: Adolfo Cordero Rivera

Chair Conservation & Funding: Vincent Kalkman

International Symposium Co-ordinator: Richard Rowe

Chair Sponsorship Program: Dennis Paulson

Trustee: Mamoru Watanabe

9. REMARKS FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Göran Sahlén outlined some goals for the next two years. First there was the issue of the Japanese congress. The organizers would like that congress to take place but are undecided between 2012 and 2015. The WDA will continue support for the European Congress on Odonatology, the second of which is scheduled for Belgrade, Serbia in 2012. The development of our new relationship with Taylor and Francis as publisher of the International Journal of Odonatology will be important. Göran

asked Mike May as Journal Editor to comment on the transition. Mike thanked Reinhard Jödicke for his work as editor and commented on the high standard that was set. Despite delays, the transition went relatively well. The new online payment system seems to function well. Göran noted that there may be some need for constitutional amendments to help address emergency situations such as happened in Japan. He would like to see an active society and will work to ensure it is. He looks forward to dealing with lots of correspondence now as President.

10. NEXT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF ODONATOLOGY IN 2013

Göran Sahlén reported that there is no additional information regarding the symposium at this time beyond the previously announced location of Freising, Bavaria, Germany.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

KD Dijkstra asked for more information regarding the plans for the Japan symposium. Göran noted that he prefers, as Richard Rowe indirectly proposed in his report, that the Japan symposium be deferred until 2015 so it is not in competition with the 2nd European Congress in Belgrade and be too close to the symposium in Freising. Misa Piper discussed the difficult situation in Japan because of required power savings, especially during the summer. Because all the ramifications are not known at this time, the Japanese organizing committee will wait until autumn so that more information will be available to help them make a decision. Werner Piper suggested that the WDA membership be polled for which dates they would be more likely to attend. It was agreed that a poll would be a good idea.

12. 8th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

Robert Reimer announced that the next (8th) Biennial General Meeting of the WDA will be held at the next International Symposium on Odonatology scheduled for Freising, Germany in 2013.

The 7th Biennial Meeting of the Worldwide Dragonfly Association closed at 12:10 pm