

Present at WDA 8th General Meeting held in Freising, Germany, Wednesday June 18, 2013:

Richard Rowe
Wolfgang Schneider
Frank Suhling
Andreas Martens
Sönke Hardersen
Klaus-Jarger Conte
Kamilla Koch
Chris Hassall
David Thompson
Mike Parr
Peter Brown
Mike and Linda Averill
Philip Steinhiff
Seth Bybee
Rhainer Guilliamo Ferreira
Haruki Karube
Vincent Kalkman
Boudjema Samroui
Sonia Ferreira
Hanfried Wildemoth
Geert De Knuf
KD Dijkstra
Lorenzo Feoleri
Muzon Javier
Mattias Horteng
Günther Theischinger
Jessica L Ware
William Kuhn
Melissa Sanchez Herrera
Joachim Hoffman
Florian Weibranch
Yoshitaka Tsubaki
Henri Dumont
Gabi Peitzner
Peter Peitzner

Mike May called the meeting to order at 20:37. Mike L May acted as M/C because Goran Sahlen was not in attendance. Mike proposed Sonia Ferriera and Jessica Ware take minutes. We were appointed to do so. Mike then asked for approval of the agenda, which was displayed via an LCD projector onto a large screen. He asked for a motion and Wolfgang made a motion to accept. Richard Rowe seconded. It was voted and unanimously approved.

Then he went on to approve the minutes of the 7th meeting in Leiden, the Netherlands, 9 July 2011. Mike May asked if people wished to have them read aloud. None did. Sonia scrolled through the minutes on the screen. Mike May asked for a motion to approve. Richard said someone who had been there at the meeting should do so. Vincent Kalkman so moved and Wolfgang seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

The next item was changes to the bylaws about the use of the word symposium versus congress. Mike asked for a vote. Motion to approve by Richard Rowe, Boudjema seconded. Richard then said this was a result of an agreement made at the Xalapa general meeting. Mike asked for a vote. Unanimously, the motion was carried. The second change was the national/regional offices in Japan, whose representative the Japanese members wished to choose without ratification from the international offices. Sonia explained that since they were the only country left with a national office, then they had been having their officers voted on or ratified by the international congress. Mike asked for a motion, and it was made by Wolfgang and seconded by ???. It was unanimously carried that the Japanese officers at the national office be ratified within their own offices and not by international WDA vote.

Mike then asked about how to get new members and increase the WDA growth from its current static nature. He asked for comments and suggestions. Mike asked Linda Averill. Linda said there were lots of WDA participants that were not members. Mike then invited people to become members. Mike then said they should make an effort to promote the society on a person-to-person basis. Melissa Sanchez Herrera suggested to create a twitter, Facebook page and to post WDA events and things online to get more people interested. Others agreed that more propaganda was needed to promote the society. Still others suggested student discounts. Mike said most people who started WDA are not of the Facebook age but that younger members may be able to set such a thing up. Richard Rowe said that his niece might be able to help with the Facebook page. Will Kuhn said that he and Melissa Sanchez Herrera would volunteer to create and maintain a Facebook and twitter WDA page. Mike then said to approach national bodies such as the British Dragonfly Society to get more members to join. Mike gave an anecdote that the Dragonfly Society of Americas agreed not to get involved in the SIO/WDA split but that it may now be time to revisit that issue within DSA. Sönke asked what if the national organizations could advertise and distribute leaflets about WDA at their meetings. Andreas Martens said to give a five-minute talk about membership at the next WDA meeting to get new members. Mike said that we would need details about when the national meetings would be occurring in each country ahead of time to ask if they'd be open to advertising, etc. Mike said folks who want to sign up could speak to the secretary about this. Mike Parr said students get a reduced memberships and should amateurs also get such a reduce membership as well? Mike May said Taylor and Francis had suggested a reduced 1st year and then regular prices in the following years for new members. Mike asked that the membership consider this. Then Reinhardt said perhaps we could have an updated WDA website that could be linked to members'

personal or work websites. He said that this would be a way to let people know that the WDA exists. Mike said that whether or not a national association wanted to participate or international organizations remains to be seen. Reinhardt then said that perhaps this could be easily done and added as a link to the SFO and WDA pages. Then Reinhardt said that at the IUCN meeting they had mentioned that if WDA supported the formation of national or continental societies such as South American Odonatology society then this may result in new members. Mike then asked for further comments. Linda handed out car stickers with the WDA logo on them. KD said Reinhardt may have been waiting for an answer and Mike asked whether his question had indeed been answered. Mike asked that the new board consider it.

The next item was the reports of the board members. Sonia had these. Wolfgang then asked to discharge the board and that we not need to vote to accept the board reports. Richard proposed that they be published in Agrion. KD suggested we commemorate Bob Reimer's death. Mike said that Bob was a brave and enthusiastic individual. We observed a moment of silence for Bob.

Frank said that given the other important things could the board members orally indicate their reports now. Since the current president was absent they went to the president elect, and Boudjema said that at that time he had nothing exceptional to report. Sonia said the treasurer report was important but that it had been handed out to the members during the meeting for reading. Sonia then scanned these documents on the screen. She said the most relevant items were listed in the agenda. Reinhardt then said there was a good point about the Webmaster. He said we need a professional Webmaster. Mike May then said that Rob Arnold was the webmaster originally and then when he retired Adolfo Cordero Rivera had done what he could to host the website at U Vigo. Peter said the input needs to be managed for the WDA website. He argued that Facebook is one part only and that an active website is the most important WDA priority. Reinhardt offered to help revamp the website. Sonia then said that one problem has been moving it to the Taylor and Francis system to provide instant access to IJO. Reinhardt agreed to do the WDA website.

Mike May then went to agenda item #5 to look at acceptance of the accounts. Mike then asked to make a couple of corrections to the last page of said report. One labeled grants and one labeled WDA award had been combined. Sonia then noted that the item about the European Symposium and the money it generated referred to money being held in trust with the WDA for future congresses. Mike asked for a motion to accept the accounts. Reinhardt asked if there was a common account? KD motioned to approve, and Wolfgang seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Agenda item #6 was to discharge the present board of trustees except for Boudjema Samroui. Mike moved and Frank Suhlung seconded. It was unanimously approved. Mike then passed the microphone to Boudjema and Boudjema said he was appreciative to be on the board and in Germany. Everyone thanked Florian and

Boudjema thanked the past WDA board and especially Bob Reiner. They also thanked Sonia for her work. Lastly, Boudjema thanked everyone for his or her trust and hoped for being up to the challenge. Linda asked if the new treasurer, Manpreet Kohli was in attendance. No was the answer. She asked for Manpreet's email address. Boudjema asked for comments.

Agenda item #9 was regarding the congress in Argentina. Richard then said that he spends time grateful to those willing to hold congresses. He said in 2015 in La Plata Argentina Javier Muzon would be the coordinator of the WDA congress. In 2017 it will be held in Algeria, hosted by Boudjema Samroui. Richard asked for expressions of interest for 2019.

Boudjema then asked for other business. There was discussion among members for more timely distribution of the minutes and reports before the next WDA general meeting. The meeting adjourned.