



**Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 5 PM to 6 PM**

at Schoodic Institute

Winter Harbor, ME

In conjunction with the 2016 International Bat Research Symposium

**Executive Board Members:**

President – Kara Moody

President Elect – Katelin Craven

Past President – Mao Lin

Secretary/Treasurer – Laura Berube

Board Member at Large – Steve Pelletier

Board Member at Large – Sarah Boyden

Conservation Affairs Chair – Rodney Kelshaw

University of Maine Student Representative – Valerie Watson

Unity College Student Representative – Madison Crane

**Business meeting:**

- Outgoing METWS President Mao Lin introduced the agenda.
- Secretary/Treasurer Laura Berube moved to vote on the approval of the Fall 2015 Meeting minutes (which had been distributed to the membership in fall 2015 and before the Annual 2016 meeting). The motion was seconded and approved by majority.
- Mao Lin passed the chapter presidency to Kara Moody our new Chapter President.
- Mao Lin introduced Katelin Craven as the new chapter President Elect and Valerie Watson as the new University of Maine Student Representative.
- Kara Moody gave the President's report accepting her new position as Chapter President and explained that in 2015 we did not publish Chapter Newsletters.
- Laura Berube gave the Treasurer's report (\$5,537.40 in checking, \$1,649.35 in savings, \$47.40 in PayPal account, \$306.12 in cash, \$16,959.96 in our Vanguard account). Laura explained that members can now sign up or renew their membership using PayPal and that the money remains in our PayPal account until she moves it over into checking. She explained that for every \$10 paid to us on PayPal, PayPal takes a portion (\$0.52) for the service. The report was moved to be approved and the motion was seconded and approved by majority.
- Audit Committee Chair Wende Mahaney gave the Audit Committee report. She explained that \$0.08 was mistakenly given in excess to someone in return for their receipts. She also explained that some receipts appeared to be missing, but besides that the financial books looked good. The report was moved to be approved and the motion was seconded and approved by majority. Laura has since deposited \$0.08 into our checking account to account for the missing funds.
- Mao Lin noted that the Awards Committee would provide a report in the fall and will provide award recipients their awards this summer or during the fall meeting this year.

- Mao Lin noted that there have not been any new developments for the Conservation Affairs committee and thus no report was provided.
- Membership Committee Chair Sarah Spencer provided the Membership Committee report. Sarah informed us again that some Certified Wildlife Biologists in Maine are not members. It was discussed that Kara Moody has agreed to draft a template email suggesting the benefits of being a member to supply to our state wildlife and environmental agencies. Sarah agreed that we could pull together membership trends over time and take a look at member's professional associations to see where we should be reaching out. It was noted that Adam Vashon may like to join the Membership Committee presently.
- University of Maine Student Representative Valerie Watson provided a report on their chapter's recent endeavors. They have participated in up-keeping duck boxes at the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge; aquatic invertebrate, telemetry, and excel workshops; participated in the Student Northeast Conclave in Pennsylvania; hosted the annual Game Banquet which had 50 attendees; and have gone on birding, salamander and wood frog walks.
- Unity College Student Representative Madison Crane was not able to make it to the meeting and thus there was no report for the Unity student chapter.
- For old business we discussed the current state of the Chapter's bylaws. Mao is currently updating the bylaws with the changes that were previously voted on and approved. These include adding the Conservation Committee Chair and the Unity College Student Representative to the Executive Board.
- We discussed that the bylaws state that we have a Programs Committee. This Committee is not currently active. The Committee would be responsible for putting together programs for our Chapter Meetings and contacting speakers for those programs. These duties have historically fallen on the President and the Board which can sometimes add to already full plates. We are looking for any nominations for a Programs Committee Chair.
- We discussed that it would be good to have a second Board Member at Large. Mao nominated Sarah Boyden for this position. No other nominations were presented. The report was moved to be approved and the motion was seconded and approved by majority.
- We discussed the status of our Newsletter. Don Katnik is still the editor; however it is not his duty to contact people for content. This usually falls on the President or Past President. We discussed that our bylaws now state that we will produce 2 Newsletters a year instead of the 4 that were traditionally produced. We discussed whether or not a committee should be formed for the creation of Newsletters and if only a single Newsletter should be created each year. Jerry Longcore explained that when he was president he charged each Committee Chair with the task of providing a Committee Update to be included in the Newsletter and that this would be a viable way to gather some content.
- For our Annual meeting in 2017, we discussed the New England Society of American Forester's (Maine Division) offer to have a joint meeting in Bangor in March 2017 during the University of Maine spring break period. We discussed that this meeting would be forestry themed but that we could provide wildlife content as well. A silent auction would take place during this meeting. Trevor Peterson mentioned that last time we had a joint meeting with NESAF we ended up

spending more money than we made. This is something to think about when considering NESAF's idea to collaborate. Before we commit we would want to learn more about the financials of participating in the meeting. Erik Blomberg motioned that the Executive Board speak with NESAF about financials and if terms are agreeable, the Executive Board be given the right to vote on committing to the joint meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by majority.

- We discussed whether or not annual dues would be changing from \$10 to \$11, as was previously voted on and approved by the Chapter. If dues were to change from \$10 to \$11, each Maine Chapter member would automatically be made a member of the Northeast Section as well. For this agreement with the Northeast Section to work, all Chapters in the northeast would need to be in agreement. Laura Berube will let the Northeast Section know that we are still in agreement.
- Meeting adjourned.