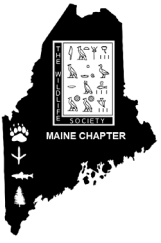


Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Spring 2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 23rd at Camden National Bank Ice Vault



Executive Board Members

President – Sean Campbell
Past President – Caroline Byrne
President Elect – Joe Roy
Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Waddle
Executive Board Member at Large – Kelby Leary
Executive Board Member at Large – Sabrina Morano
University of Maine Orono Student Rep – Amanda McFarland
Unity College Student Rep – None

Committee Chairs

Audit Committee – Wende Mahaney
Awards Committee – Linda Welch
Conservation Affairs Committee – Kyle Smelter
Program Committee – Mao Lin
Membership Committee – Kara Moody
Nominations and Elections Committee – Caroline Byrne
Education and Information Committee – Annie Oviedo

Business Meeting Minutes

- METWS President Sean opened meeting with welcoming remarks.
- Sean provided President's report. Last meeting as president. Thanked the METWS executive board and committee chairs, and the membership for their service. We would like to grow the membership. If you know anyone who might be interested, any new hires, tell them about METWS. Encourage others to join a committee or the membership. Some great presentations for today.
- Sean reviewed minutes from the 2022 annual meeting. These were approved during the Fall 2022 business meeting, which were motioned to approve by Bob Stratton and seconded by Joe Roy. Motion to approve the 2022 meeting minutes passed.
- Beth will present the awards after the business meeting, in the early afternoon at 12:30pm.
- Kelly gave the Treasurer's report for 2023. No money was withdrawn for the student support fund due to canceled events in 2020-2022. Kelly will look into this more and find out how the fund can help students in 2023. Motioned to approve by Sean Campbell and seconded by Joe Roy. Motion to approve 2023 Treasurer's report passed.
- Wende gave the Audit Committee report for 2022. Motioned to approve by Bob Stratton and seconded by Joe Roy. Motion to approve 2022 audit committee reports passed. Wende will be stepping down as Audit Committee Chair. If anyone is interested in filling this role, please contact Wende.
- Joe gave the Conservation Affairs Committee (CAC) report on behalf of Kyle. Provided an update on the Recovering Americas Wildlife Act (RAWA). Support from Senator King, Senator Collins, and Representative Pingree. The UMaine RAWA tabling event article was published on the TWS website. LD1246 written testimony submitted. Goals moving forward involve more state level action and increased membership.
- Adam gave the Education and Information Committee report on behalf of Annie. Developed a draft brochure/flier to distribute to those potentially interested and will be submitted for board review approval prior to distributing. The committee needs help connecting with schools/organizations that are interested in connecting with a wildlife professional, and wildlife professionals who are interested in career talks, presentations, nature walks, etc. The committee will be looking for help from membership populating a contact list to distribute the informational flier to.
- Sean gave the Membership Committee report on behalf of Kara. Currently 146 members as of March 2023, including 59 MDIFW members. Compared to 138 members last year (in March 2022), and 127

members in March 2021.

- Mao Lin gave the Programs Committee report. The Program Committee is currently working on recruiting committee members, looking for ideas for future programs, scheduling biologists and beverages, and increasing engagement on Facebook. Biologists and beverages are social events that have been very successful. Also considering having fixed dates for annual meetings. If anyone is interested in filling the role of Program Committee chair, please contact Mao.
- Kelby gave the report for UMaine Orono Student Chapter of TWS on behalf of Amanda.
- Sean announced the election results for new METWS officers. Service begins at the conclusion of this annual meeting.
 - President – Joe Roy
 - Past President – Sean Campbell
 - President Elect – Kelby Leary
 - Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Waddle
 - Board Members at Large – Alex Fish
 - Board Members at Large – Steve Dunham
 - Conservation Affairs Committee Chair – Kyle Smelter
- Sean discussed Unfinished Business and New Business.
 - Still looking for a Unity and UMF student representative.
 - Discussion on forming a new DEI committee. Motioned to approve by Joe Roy and seconded by Wende.
 - Discussion on using TWS Gmail accounts. Motioned to approve by Joe Roy and seconded by Danielle.
 - Committee chairs working on providing descriptions for all committees.
- Motioned to approve business meeting by Sean Campbell, seconded by Bob Stratton. Motion to approve the 2023 business meeting passed.
- Meeting adjourned.