



**Maine Chapter of The Wildlife Society**  
Spring 2024 Annual Business Meeting Minutes  
Friday, May 3, 2024, at Sportsman's Alliance of Maine



**Executive Board Members**

President – Joe Roy  
Past President – Sean Campbell  
President Elect – Kelby Leary  
Secretary/Treasurer – Kelly Waddle  
Executive Board Member at Large – Steve Dunham  
Executive Board Member at Large – Alex Fish  
University of Maine Orono Student Rep – Vacant  
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 Joe opened the meeting with welcoming remarks.
- Joe provided the President's report. Last meeting as president. Thanked the METWS executive board, committee chairs, and membership for their service and support. Four goals were accomplished during presidency: put on two meetings, set reoccurring meeting dates for annual meetings, add in a field component to the winter meeting, add more members however, hoping to get more.
- Joe reviewed the minutes from the 2023 annual meeting. Motioned to approve by Steve Dunham and seconded by Rod Kelshaw. Motion to approve the 2023 meeting minutes passed.
- Joe gave the Treasurer's report for 2023 on behalf of Kelly. No amount was withdrawn for the 2020-2024 Student Support Fund due to canceled events. Vanguard checking account was closed due to low account balance/inactivity. Currently saved in Checking (new account to be created in 2024). Motion to approve by Steve Dunham and seconded by Rod Kelshaw. Motion to approve 2024 Treasurer's report passed.
- Wende Mahaney gave the Audit Committee report for 2023. Wende noted that Dan Hill and Shevenell Webb will be stepping into the Audit Committee positions. Dan Hill gave an overview of the Audit Committee meeting. Dan noted that the audit report passed.
- Joe gave the Education and Information Committee report for 2023 on behalf of Annie. Annie noted that she was hoping for more involvement from the UMaine students. A few ideas have been bounced around for future educational and outreach programs.
- Joe gave the Membership Committee report for 2023 on behalf of Kara. Membership has slightly decreased. Looking for ideas to get more members and involvement.

- Joe gave the Programs Committee report on behalf of Mao. Mao is officially stepping down as chair. Seeking a new chair.
- Sabrina gave the Student Chapter report for the UMaine Orono Student Chapter of TWS. As the Advisor, Sabrina is seeking individuals looking to connect with the UMaine Student Chapter. Looking for individuals who are willing to talk, support shadowing, etc. Joe noted that as an organization we have the opportunity to develop relationships with students to promote wildlife careers.
- Joe announced the election results for new METWS officers. Service begins at the conclusion of this annual meeting.
  - President – Kelby Leary
  - Past President – Joe Roy
  - President Elect – Steve Dunham
  - Secretary/Treasurer – Randi Jackson
  - Executive Board Member at Large – Vacant
  - Executive Board Member at Large – Vacant
  - University of Maine Orono Student Rep – Vacant
  - Unity College Student Rep – None
  - Tori Hughes and Joe Wiley offered to cover vacant board member roles. Tori also offered to cover Conservation Affairs for the year.
- Joe discussed Unfinished Business and New Business.
  - Looking to have a discussion amongst the membership to increase membership dues. Needs a membership vote. Would not take effect until the spring 2025 meeting. Dues cover the annual meetings as well as scholarship funds for students. Student and retired members would remain \$10. Motioned to approve by Steve Dunham and seconded by Wende Mahaney. Motion to approve the increase in membership dues passed.
  - Looking to increase conservation affairs involvement. There is a new chair who is eager and looking to get more involvement.
- Motioned to approve business meeting by Roger Applegate, seconded by Steve Dunham. Motion to approve the 2023 business meeting passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.