

CAMNATS FALL Meeting

October 7th, 2023

MA Audubon Joppa Flats Education Center
Newburyport, MA 02950

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 am by Chair Shawn Carey with a quorum of active members present.

Susan Mosser clarified the process for proposing a candidate for membership into CamNats per the bylaws. When the applicant is presented for a vote, a formal proposal shall be made in writing by the sponsor that includes a resume/bio about the candidate. The proposal needs to be signed by the sponsor, cosigned by 2 other members as endorsers and presented to the chairman **prior** to the meeting.

The Secretary's Report was read by Sally Chisholm.
A motion was made by Rick Cloran to accept the minutes as read.
The motion was seconded and passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Susan Mosser. The report is attached.
A motion was made by Shiv Verma to accept the Treasurer's report as read.
The motion was seconded and passed.

Susan will start collecting \$2 for members who forget their badges starting in 2024. Contact her if you don't have a badge. Please also let Susan know of email and address changes as well as members who have passed on.

Dues are payable starting on November 7. They can be paid at the January meeting or online via PayPal. If you don't have a login, email Dennis Goulet and cc Susan Mosser.

CamNats received a certificate from PSA for 15 years of membership.

Thank you cards were received from Audubon and Janet Fuller for the donation made in John Fuller's name.

Special thanks to Shawn Carey for organizing and doing all the work on the print exhibit at Hunt's. Thanks also to Art Vaughan and Gary & Judy Hoyt for helping out.

Introduction of Guests:

1. David Young, sponsored by Susan & Jake Mosser, introduced himself for his 3rd showing.
2. Rajan Desai, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte, introduced himself for his 2nd showing.
3. Peter Agnus, sponsored by Mike Goodman & Sharon Colacino, introduced himself for his 1st showing.
4. Martin Culpepper, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte, introduced himself for his 1st showing.
5. Shannon Culpepper, sponsored by Christopher Ciccone, introduced herself for her 1st showing.
6. Sash Dias, sponsored by Shawn Carey & Karl Zuzarte, introduced himself for his 1st showing.
7. Tom Carroll sponsored by Sandy Selesky & Dan Carey, introduced himself for his 1st showing.

Not Present: Sarah Keates, sponsored by Christopher Ciccone (would have been her 2nd showing).

Shawn gave an introduction and thanks to Gary Farber from Hunt's Photo for his support of CamNats and the photo exhibit at Hunt's. Gary has been with Hunt's for 30 years. There will be a Hunt's show November 2-4 in Melrose with reps, gear and sensor cleaning. Shiv will be doing 2 sessions in Melrose during the show.

Awards, Achievement, Workshops:

Ken Jordan - Photo exhibit at Topsfield Library during the month of November with a talk on November 8th.

Amy Musinsky - Submissions for the NECCC Individual Print Competition, open to any member, are due by mail by 10/28/23 for the 11/4/23 competition. The 2nd competition will be on 4/6/24.

Shawn Carey and Mike Milicia will be teaching a one day seminar on bird photography, Sunday, Nov 5th at the MA Audubon Museum of American Bird Art hosted by MABA.

Future Meetings:

- The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, January 20th at the Greater Lynn Photographic Assoc. (GLPA). Going forward, all annual meetings will be at GLPA.

Old Business:

- **The Zoom Lecture** with Melissa Groo - The date for the Zoom talk was moved to Tuesday, October 17th, which is co-sponsored by Hunt's and PSRI. An announcement will follow.
- **Fall Zoom Mini Series:** The date still has not been finalized. The program will include Cynthia Rand photographing owls, and Karl Zuzarte astro landscape photography.
- **CamNats Newsletter** - Mary Doo gave an update on the CamNats Newsletter. The newsletter is 90% finished and will publish as soon as possible. Call for entries of introduction from new members are encouraged.
- **Tim Laman**, National Geographic photographer - Shawn will continue to work on getting Tim as a live, in-person guest speaker. PSRI & Hunt's has agreed to co-sponsor so funds are still in place.
- **Spring Meeting:** To be discussed at the January meeting.

New Business:

- Karl Zuzarte & Shannon Culpepper announced an event at Focus 244 in York, ME this evening with a Nikon representative and gear.
- **New Member:** Daniel Young, Rockport, MA, sponsored by Susan & Jake Mosser and co-signed by Ken Jordan and Peter Curcis, is presented as a new member. (proposal attached) **A motion to approve was made by Rick Cloran, seconded and passed.**

Thanks from Shawn for everyone's participation, especially those who participated in the Hunt's exhibit. Thanks to CamNats members for their support over the past year since Shawn took over last October.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Chisholm
Secretary