

CAMNATS ANNUAL Meeting

April 13, 2024

AVFX, Woburn, MA

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am by Chair Shawn Carey with a quorum of active members present.

Thanks were given to Shiv Verma for stepping in to handle the annual meeting in January for Shawn; and to Sally Chisholm, Susan Mosser, Rick Cloran and the rest of the Steering Committee for helping out. Thanks also go out to Chris Germain, Amy Musinsky and Dana Hoffman for handling the luncheon for the meeting and all the food details.

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

The Treasurer's Report was read by Susan Mosser. A motion was made by Christopher Ciccone to accept the Treasurer's report. **The motion was seconded and passed.** The Treasurer's Report is included after the minutes.

Additional Announcements from Susan Mosser:

- Pick up your name badge for those who requested them. A \$1 fine will be collected for those who forgot theirs.
- CAMNATS stickers are available - \$0.50/3 for \$1, and sew-on badges \$3 each.
- Address, phone or email changes? Let Susan know.
- New guests showing, send your information to Susan.
- PSA Council Challenge representing NECCC is still looking for excellent nature images to enter. If you have an image of competition quality, please send to Susan Mosser for consideration.
- Rick Cloran has had back surgery which is why he isn't present. Please send him get well wishes.
- Art Wolfe is doing a book tour and will present at the GLPA headquarters Friday, May 10 - \$25/tickets available on his website.

- NECCC Speakers Event via Zoom will be on July 13th from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The 2 speakers are Jim Zukerman & Seth Resnick.

Introduction of Guests:

1. Silvana Della Camera, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte, introduced herself for her 1st showing.
2. Diedra Greenwood from Orleans MA, introduced herself for her 1st showing.
3. Ben Thomas, sponsored by Shawn Carey, introduced himself for his 1st showing.
4. Brenda Driscoll, sponsored by Susan & Jake Mosser, introduced herself for her 2nd showing.
5. Skip Hoyt, sponsored by Susan & Jake Mosser, introduced himself for his 2nd showing.
6. Linda Covello, sponsored by Jim Gately, introduced herself for her 2nd showing.
7. Peter Agnus, sponsored by Mike Goodman & Sharon Colacino, introduced himself for his 3rd showing.
8. Martin Culpepper, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte, introduced himself for his 3rd showing.
9. Shannon Culpepper, sponsored by Christopher Ciccone, introduced herself for her 3rd showing.
10. Sarah Keates, sponsored by Christopher Ciccone, introduced herself for her 3rd showing.

Guests Not Present:

- Rajan Desai, sponsored by Shawn Carey & Karl Zuzarte, (would have been his 3rd showing).
- Sash Dias, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte, (would have been his 2nd showing).
- Tom Carroll sponsored by Sandy Selesky & Dan Carey, (would have been his 2nd showing).

Announcements:

- Honorary Membership of NECCC was awarded to Dan Carey last summer.
- Sandy Selesky has an exhibit coming up at Emerson Hospital, Concord, MA July 7th to Sept 7th.
- Shannon Culpepper - Tonight at 6:30 p.m. is last night for Focus 244 in York ME.

Old Business:

- **Tim Lanan Lecture:** National Geographic photographer - Most likely, it will be sometime in the Fall when a mutual date and location can be found. GLPA is a possibility with a max of 110 people for \$100. Christopher Ciccone brought Tim's newest book, Bird Planet.
- **Photo Exhibit for 2024** - Shawn is looking for another location for an exhibit this year.
- **Focus 244** - Karl Zuzarte - Thank you to Shannon Culpepper for giving CamNat members the opportunity to exhibit. 12-14 Members submitted at the last exhibit with a nice reception. The studio is closing after tonight.
- **Mini Zoom Series** - So far, there has been one w/Karl Zuzarte and Dennis Goulet. Shiv Verma is planning a program which isn't finalized yet. It will be either one long talk or 2 short programs. To be scheduled in the Fall.
- **Reminder:** A Nominating Committee needs to be appointed at least six months prior to the annual meeting.

New Business:

Announcements by Shawn:

- Eric Smith, CamNats member, has a form of leukemia and is back in hospital w/a GI infection.
- Mark Grimason, although not a member but known by many at CamNats, is in the final stages of cancer.

Tax Status:

CamNats needs to settle the tax situation and obtain 501C3 status. Because the club has finances, this status requires that another organization be designated as the recipient of funds IF CamNats were to be dissolved. The money cannot be disbursed to an individual.

A discussion followed with Karl Zuzarte asking if the money can be split up and subsequent motions were made to be voted on as follows:

1. A Motion was made by Richard White for MA Audubon to be designated as the recipient of CamNats funds once 501C status has been obtained AND IF CamNats were to be dissolved.

OR

2. A Motion was made by Susan Mosser for NECCC to be designated as the recipient of CamNats funds once 501C status has been obtained AND IF CamNats were to be dissolved.

Dan Carey called the question, seconded, and a vote was taken with NECCC winning the majority. **The 2nd motion was approved, seconded and passed.**

Field Trip - Ken Jordan gave an update on the Field Trip to Darmariscotta Mills, ME- May 18, 2024 for 1-2 nights. He went over the arrangements and currently has 19 people going.

2025 Officers - Shawn announced that his term as Chairman ends this year and he will be stepping down. Sally Chisholm agreed to become the recording secretary during Shawn's term, but would like to step down as well at the Annual Meeting in January. Shiv Verma will be taking over as Chair. We are looking for someone to step up to become the recording secretary. Please contact Shawn if you would like to help out.

Opinion by Shawn - As a long time member of MA Audubon, on MA Audubon's Advisory Council, teaching for Audubon for 20+ years, and as past president of Eastern MA Hawk Watch and other groups, Shawn spoke of his feelings toward game farms. It is one thing to photograph wildlife in wild places and another to photograph captive animals in locations where they aren't wild. There are game farms, certainly in other countries, where animals when they aren't performing, are being mistreated and sent off to be hunted and shot. There are things that take place that are objectionable, and as a Chairman, Shawn wanted to make his feelings known. Rolling Stone is coming out with an article on this topic.

While photographing wildlife in general, the hope is that everyone in this group will all respect the bounds for which we should be conducting ourselves in the field. There are the right things to do and other things that shouldn't be done to harass wildlife.

CAMNATS Newsletter - Mary Doo - Please submit stories, articles and photos. The next newsletter will be in June or July and will plan 4 newsletters/year.

Break for lunch about 12:05 p.m. and resume after lunch to vote on new members.

New Members:

- Peter Agnus, sponsored by Mike Goodman & Sharon Colacino, and co-signed by ? and ?, is presented as a new member. **A motion to approve was made by Mike Goodman, seconded and passed.**
- Sarah Keates sponsored by Christopher Ciccone and co-signed by Shawn Carey and Karl Zuzarte, is presented as a new member. **A motion to approve was made by Christopher Ciccone, seconded and passed.**
- Shannon Culpepper, sponsored by Christopher Ciccone and co-signed by Shawn Carey and Karl Zuzarte, is presented as a new member. **A motion to approve was made by Christopher Ciccone, seconded and passed.**
- Martin Culpepper, sponsored by Karl Zuzarte and co-signed by Christopher Ciccone and Shawn Carey, is presented as a new member. **A motion to approve was made by Karl Zuzarte, seconded and passed.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Chisholm
Secretary

CamNats Treasurers Report April 13, 2024

Starting Balance

\$5527.08

Income:

Annual Dues (cash & checks) \$452.00

Annual Dues through PayPal \$366.95

Total dues taken in \$818.95

Donation (PP fees back) \$3.00

Lunch Money Collected \$324.00

Total Income \$1145.95

Expenses:

Cost of food/supplies (Chris Germain)
– Jan. Annual Meeting \$319.95

Cost of Web Hosting (Dennis Goulet) \$395.64

Total Expenses \$715.59

Account Balance \$5957.44

86 Total members (85 Paying) 61 individuals - 12 dual (24 members) 1 Assoc. non paying

New members for 2023=4 & one reinstatement