

# MASSACHUSETTS CAMERA NATURALISTS

## **CAMNATS Annual Meeting**

January 25, 2025

Greater Lynn Photographic Association Headquarters, Lynn, MA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shawn Carey with a quorum of active members present. Shawn expressed his thanks for the support he has received from the members over the last two years. He said we have a really unique and interesting organization. A great photo club. The celebration of the natural world which is what we do as a camera club is unique. When you are out and about beyond MA and you meet other photographers and start talking about what organizations you belong to and you mention this organization with its focus on the natural world, not a lot of other places have that, and people often say wow that is kind of a cool thing that you are doing in MA. Shawn says kudos to CamNats to continue moving forward with celebrating the natural world.

The minutes of the last meeting 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. A motion was made by Rick Cloran to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Announcements from Susan Mosser:**

Susan announced that membership dues which are due in November can be paid now by check. Or you can use PayPal by logging into the CamNats website. Checks or cash are preferable. Reminder, the dues are \$15/ individual and \$25/couple as voted by the membership.

Sash Dias was not at the meeting so will not be showing images. Ben Thomas was at the meeting and did have his second showing of images.

Greg O'Brien had surgery. Mike Goodman had two surgeries last week, but he is in attendance here today. Gall bladder removed and then kidney stones. CamNats also had two deaths: Olive Weingart and Bernie Cheswick. Shawn to speak on this in a few minutes.

We need a volunteer to be the "get well" person to send cards to ill members and families of members who have passed. Linda Coviello volunteered to be that person.

Susan will contact a few people that she wants to use their images for the Council Challenge.

Many CamNats stickers are available for free.

If you need a new badge, contact Marilyn Cloran. If contact information has changed, let Susan know.

### **Introduction of Guests include:**

- Jeff Blanchard from Tynsboro MA and the Nashoba Valley Camera Club

## **Announcements, Awards & Achievements:**

Rick Cloran announced that 2025 PSA Nature definition has been posted. Principal change is hand of man allowance for unobtrusive elements, i.e. footprints or branches that have a human cut. This year's competitions will follow the rules as they have been, but next year this new provision can be used.

Sandy Selesky won a Judges Medal for her western grebe image at the recent NECCC Fall Print Individual competition and Dianne Carey won Best of Show for Monochrome.

Karl Zuzarte has two exhibits coming up.

Mike Goodman together with Ron Rosenstock have an exhibit at the Newbury Court at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA. The opening is February 9 for three months. All are welcome.

Shawn Carey is presenting programs at Gateway Camera Club February 4, Merrimack Valley Camera Club on February 5, and Audubon on February 6 and next Thursday at Watertown on his Falklands Island program.

## **Old Business:**

Shawn Carey reports that the Tim Laman program finally did happen on November 2, 2024, at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Newburyport. The program was very well received.

The newsletter was sent out by Mary Doo. Great job on a nice edition. If you have any articles, or write something up, and send it to Mary Doo.

## **New Business:**

Shawn Carey announced the passing of a couple members of CamNats: Olive Weingart of Connecticut and Bernie Cheswick of Massachusetts. A donation of \$200 will be made to Daniel Webster Wildlife Reserve or a similar organization in memory of all who have passed this year. **Motion made, seconded and approved.**

The Nominating Committee lead by Lesley Mattuchio with members Jim Gately and Ken Jordan assisting, presented a slate of officers that included:

Shiv Verma as Chairman  
Dave Young as Vice Chairman  
Pam Lintner as Secretary  
Susan Mosser as Treasurer

No nominations were received from the floor, so the Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate as presented.

The Nominating Committee also presented a slate for the Steering Committee that included:

Shawn Carey  
Rick Cloran  
Dennis Goulet

No nominations were received from the floor, so the Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate as presented.

### New Members Voted In:

- Linda Coviello

Shiv Verma, the incoming president, wanted to thank the outgoing officers. He also made the suggestion that the annual meeting be moved to December 6, 2025 and continue to be held in December as has been the practice in the past.

May 3 will be the next meeting. We need people to volunteer places for the meetings. Share your websites with us and it can be posted on the CamNats website. Shiv would also like to hold some zoom meetings for people to show images. We can record and post those meetings. Silvana Della Camera and Charlene Gaboriault have agreed to help with the website.

Thank you's were made to the lunch committee for the delicious lunch from Harrow's. There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:46am. **The motion was seconded and passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Lintner

Secretary