



MAWS
Maine Association of Wetland Scientists

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Maine Association of Wetland Scientists (MAWS)
Executive Committee Meeting

Date: December 6, 2004

Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: Margarita's Restaurant, Augusta, Maine

Attendees: Gary Emond, Dana Valleau, Rich Jordan, Marcia Spencer-Famous, Norm Famous, Chris Dorion, Stephenie Swiezynski.

Treasurer's Report (D. Valleau)

- Haven't made \$250 contribution to the Envirothon yet. Dana will contact Dave Rocque to determine who to make the check out to.

Upcoming Workshops (C. Dorion)

- We discussed co-sponsoring a workshop with the Delta Institute News and possibly hooking up with the Josselyn Botanical Society to attend their annual meeting held in the summer. Josselyn contact person: Christopher Campbell.
- Discussed having a workshop regarding various shortcuts to wetland plant identification, e.g. *Juncus* spp. with septa are typically FACW or wetter (possibly hosted by A. Haines).

MAWS Stipend Update (D. Valleau for B. Battaglia)

- Two winners each receiving a stipend of \$500.
- Norm mentioned that we should put an advertisement for the 2005 stipend in the Northeast Naturalist. He will find out when the deadline is for the next printing.

Certification Committee (G. Emond)

- Kathleen Miller is the chairperson for the committee, must add C. Dorion and M. Spencer-Famous to email circuit.
- Rich to set up chat room on MAWS website.
- We discussed including a committee update to the agenda of the Annual Meeting. This will include a summary of committee actions and also request comments/suggestions from the entire group. Instead of discussing as a group, we decided to distribute a questionnaire for members to fill out.

Certification Committee (G. Emond)

- Nominations for upcoming election:
 - President-Elect: discussed nominating R. Jordan and Doug Stewart of Woodlot
 - Program Chair: discussed nominating Karol Worden
 - Ethics Chair: discussed nominating S. Swiezynski
 - Secretary: no nominees discussed

- Legislative Chair: discussed nominating Brett Battaglia

MAWS Newsletter (M. Spencer-Famous)

- Marcia has requested members to submit information and/or data for The Obligate by January 4, 2005.
- Reports for The Obligate in President's Report, Ethics Chair Report, Treasury Report, and Program Chair Report.
- Newsletter will be mailed on February 4, 2005.
- Rich to help with labels, Stephenie to help with printing and mailing.

Annual Meeting (G. Emond)

- To be held on Friday, March 4, 2005 at the Augusta Elks Club
- Possible Guest Speakers:
 - Kathleen Miller, FERC Project
 - Linda Kokemueller, Subdivision Law

Respectfully Submitted by:

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MAWS Secretary