



## Maine Association of Wetland Scientist

### Minutes of Meeting

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

Date: January 18, 2007

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Location: Romeos Pizza, Topsham, Maine

Attendees: Kathleen Miller, Lauren Stockwell, Karol Worden, Eugenie Francine,  
Lauren Leclerc, Dale Knapp, and Rich Jordan.

\*Please note that those committee member names that appear in **bold** are responsible for following-up on specific issues/items discussed during the meeting. Additional important timelines or dates have been underlined. This is done only to help serve as a reminder to everyone.

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held at Romeos in Topsham. Kathleen reminded everyone that a description of the role and responsibilities of each of the EC positions needs to be developed and sent to Rich by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The description will be incorporated into the MAWS Constitution under Article IV.

The need for having all the MAWS documents and the issues of the *Obligate* was discussed. According to Rich, most everything from 2000 on is electronic. Eugenie gave Kathleen Don Phillips' copies of the *Obligate*. **Kathleen** will scan them to a PDF format. Rich has a lot of things on the Web Site or on disk. We need to have a centralized location for it all. **Kathleen** will purchase a filed box to give to Lauren S. where everything can be stored, i.e. disks containing MAWS minutes, documents, and the *Obligate*. The files will be kept by the MAWS president. **The Secretary** will continue to maintain the notebooks which contain meeting minutes, MAWS documents and correspondence.

**Eugenie** will send Rich the most recent language regarding active membership requirements for MAWS and **Rich** will make sure that the MAWS Constitution is updated on the web site.

MAWS Annual Meeting

March 23, 2007

Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell

\*Directions to Maple Hill Farm will be printed in the *Obligate*.

Articles and contributions to the *Obligate* need to be submitted by February 12<sup>th</sup> with the thought that the *Obligate* will be ready to mail by February 21<sup>st</sup>. **Kathleen** will send an e-mail letting everyone know where and to whom information for the *Obligate* should be sent.

**Topics & Speakers for the Annual Meeting:**

There are several complex regulatory issues facing wetland professionals that need some clarification:

- Adjacency to Wetlands of Special Significance (WSS): MDEP's jurisdiction over the 75-foot adjacent to the WSS?
- WSS 250-foot buffer & adjacent wetlands:  
Possible new language regarding where the regulated buffer ends, i.e. culvert breaks.
- Vernal Pools: Determining status out of season; what is the professional's responsibility? Presumption on the part of MDEP?
- Significant Wading bird and Waterfowl habitat; buffers for tidal and freshwater wetlands. Challenging mapped areas and how to verify mapped areas.
- What exactly does the Corps have jurisdiction over, i.e. wetland types.

**Karol** will speak with Mike Mullin and discuss these possible topics and see who he suggests as a speaker or speakers. **Lauren S.** will contact MDIFW to see if a Regional Biologist might speak to the SWH issues. There appears to be some confusion as to which department actually has jurisdiction or gets involved with SWH permitting issues. MDIFW maintains that the rule and regulation is now under the auspices of MDEP and therefore will not get involved unless asked by MDEP and/or there is a permit application pending. The on-call person at MDEP will furnish callers with mapping information regarding SWH, applicants no longer request that information through MDIFW.

**Lauren L.** will speak with the two MAWS stipend winners to confirm their attendance at the Annual Meeting and let them know that they will be presenting for approximately 45 minutes.

**Kathleen** will speak with Dave Rocque to see if he would be willing to speak briefly on the Regionalization of the 1987 Corps manual.

Subsequent to the meeting Chris Dorion requested some time to discuss the Penobscot River Restoration Project. Information about the project can be found at [www.penobscotrivers.org](http://www.penobscotrivers.org).

Also subsequent to the meeting Rich suggested that Scott Cowger, co-owner of Maple Hill Farm Inn present a brief talk about the sources of green energy used at the Inn. *As it turns out Scott will not be available to speak on that day.*

### Proposed Annual Meeting Agenda

#### **Maine Association of Wetland Scientists Annual Meeting**

Friday, March 23, 2007

Maple Hill Farm Bed & Breakfast Inn and Conference Center, Hallowell

The Maine Association of Wetland Scientists is holding its annual meeting at the Maple Hill Farm Inn off Outlet Road in Hallowell (directions appear below), and we hope to see you there! To cover the cost of the facility and food, registration for MAWS members is \$30.00 (not including the annual dues); for non-members is \$40.00, and for students is \$20.00. Please check your membership status online ([www.mainewetlands.org](http://www.mainewetlands.org)). Members, continue your support of MAWS by paying your membership dues at the Annual Meeting (Active: \$25; Affiliate \$15; Student: \$10).

- 8:00 – 8:30      **Registration (coffee and snacks)**
- 8:30 – 8:45      **Welcome, Introduction of Speakers** – Kathleen Miller, President
- 8:45 – 10:00     *Significant Wildlife Habitats as They Relate to Wetlands of Special Significance.*  
Mike Mullen, MDEP
- 10:00 – 10:15    **Break**
- 10:15 – 11:00    *Chapter 335 - A Review of the Regulations Governing Significant Waterfowl and Shorebird Habitats.* Mark Stadler, MDIFW
- 11:00 – 11:30    *Amphibian Species Composition and Movement Between Vernal Pools and Permanent Ponds With and Without Fish* - Amanda Shearin, University of Maine Orono, MAWS 2006 Stipend
- 11:30 – 12:00    *Update of the Certification Sub-Committee.*  
Don Phillips; MAWS Certification Sub-Committee Chairperson.
- 12:15 – 1:00     **Lunch (provided)**
- 1:00 – 1:45      *Measuring Changes in Eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) Distribution* –  
Tara Mae Goodrich, University of Maine Orono, MAWS 2007  
Stipend Winner
- 1:45 – 2:00      **Break: Handing out the ballots and voting on new Executive Committee chairs.**
- 2:00 – 3:30      **MAWS Business Meeting (all members are welcome and encouraged to attend)**

If you have any questions, contact MAWS President Kathleen Miller @ (207) 879-9496, or by e-mail at [kmiller@neamaine.com](mailto:kmiller@neamaine.com) or check in at [www.mainewetlands.org](http://www.mainewetlands.org).

**DIRECTIONS TO MAPLE HILL FARM BED & BREAKFAST INN ([www.MapleBB.com/map.jpg](http://www.MapleBB.com/map.jpg)):**

**From the South:** Take Exit 109, the first Augusta Exit, off I-95 (first exit after 95 and 295 merge).

**From the North:** Take Exit 109A, the last Augusta Exit, off I-95. (Don't take Exit 109B!)

**Then, from either direction:** Stay in the left lane on the exit ramp for Route 202 West (toward Winthrop), then as soon as you get onto Route 202 West, scoot right over into the left turn lane and take a left turn onto Whitten Road (at the first traffic light only a few hundred feet from the end of the exit ramp). Then just watch carefully for our blue and white signs directing you through a series of turns during the next 4 miles to Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast on the Inn Road (our driveway) off the Outlet Road in Hallowell.

**Alternate Directions:**

From Downtown Augusta rotary, take Route 201 South about 1 1/2 miles (or From Downtown Gardiner, take Route 201 North about 4 miles), then turn away from the river onto Central Street in Downtown Hallowell at the Clock (right turn from Augusta, left turn from Gardiner) and proceed about 3 miles, following the blue and white signs to Maple Hill Farm Bed and Breakfast on the Inn Road (our driveway) off the Outlet Road in Hallowell.

**REGISTRATION FOR MAWS 2007 ANNUAL MEETING**

Please mail registration form and payment to: MAWS c/o Dale Knapp PO Box 361, Augusta, ME 04330. **Registration and check should be received no later than March 10, 2007.** Make checks payable to MAWS (please indicate that the payment is for the 2007 annual meeting, membership, or both-and for whom it is paying).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee has been increased to \$30.00. There will be a reduced registration fee of \$20.00 for students with identification. **Dale will work with Rich** to chase down delinquent membership dues.

**Lauren L.** will oversee the room set-up at Maple Hill Farm. Currently we have 80 lunches ordered. We need to let them know if there will be more or significantly less within 7 days of the Annual Meeting. The registration information in the *Obligate* needs to make clear that registration materials need to be sent in ASAP!!!! There will always be people signing up the day of the meeting but we really want to try and minimize that to minimize financial losses or lost lunches.

**Lauren S.** will speak to Tom Vining and ask him if he would like to come and set up a table to sell books and materials from the Delta Institute. It appeared that he and the attendees of last year’s Annual Meeting greatly benefited from his being there.  
*\*Subsequent to the meeting Tom was contacted and he will be delighted to set up a table and sell books during the Annual Meeting.*

Kathleen brought up this year’s Envirothon which MAWS has historically given \$500.00 to. Kathleen suggested that MAWS consider give \$1000.00 this year since one of the founding premises of MAWS is outreach and education. By giving \$100.00 MAWS would be recognized on the back of the team T-shirts and recognition on the Organization’s Web Site. This will require a vote of the membership and will need to appear in the *Obligate*. **Kathleen** will submit the information to the *Obligate*.

### **Nominations For Open Positions**

The following positions are open:

President-Elect: Lauren Stockwell  
Secretary: Eugenie Francine  
Legislative Chair: Karol Worden  
Program Chair: Jennifer West

**Kathleen** will e-mail the membership regarding possible nomination and the positions that are open. The positions and nominations will appear in the *Obligate*

### **Certification Subcommittee**

Kathleen suggested that a joint meeting with the MAWS Certification Subcommittee and the EC be scheduled sometime in February to review what the Subcommittee's mandate is and what the EC is looking for from the committee. Kathleen will contact Don to see if he would be available to meet on either February 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> at Woodlot Alternative's conference room (room availability to be confirmed). To subscribe to the MAWS Certification mailing list (open to all members), simply send a message with the word 'subscribe' in the Subject: field to the following address:

To: [mawscertification-request@mainewetlands.org](mailto:mawscertification-request@mainewetlands.org)

Subject: subscribe

You can leave the body of the message blank. To send emails to the group, simply send them to [mawscertification@mainewetlands.org](mailto:mawscertification@mainewetlands.org). Emails sent to this address will go to all members of the subcommittee."

*A meeting is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Woodlot Alternatives in Topsham.*

Once again the possibility of the *Obligate* and other MAWS publications to go paperless was discussed. It would be more expedient and less costly to be able to notify members and other interested/pertinent parties via the internet.

Respectively Submitted by:

*Eugenie S. Francine*

MAWS Secretary

January 22, 2007

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