



# Public Meeting Minutes - MASNA

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Location: Uber Conference

Date: 12/09/2020

Time: 9:02 PM EST

Minutes prepared by Bryce Risley

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## Attendance

### Board of Directors Present:

Kevin Erickson: President  
Tom Lisciandra: Vice President  
Bryce Risley: Secretary General  
Christine Rowe: Treasurer  
Tim Lyons: Director of Conservation  
Ed Wiser: Director at Large  
Joanne Vega: Public Relations  
Larry Blighton: Director at Large

### Board of Directors Absent:

Marie Agravante: Director of Membership  
Les Wilson: Director at Large  
Dennis Diaz: Director at Large

## MASNA Employees and Contractors:

## Membership Attendees:

## Meeting Call to Order

9:02 Kevin Erickson moves to open the December 9th, 2020, Public Board Meeting; Tom seconds

## Meeting Minutes:

### Kevin Erickson:

9:03 Kevin Erickson acknowledges the meeting agenda thread posting in the MASNA forums.  
Bryce Risley motions to approve the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Public Meeting Minutes. The BOD has reviewed the minutes and approves.

### Christine Rowe:

9:04 Begin Treasurer's Report

## MASNA Treasurer's Report

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## CASH

US Bank

\$171,529.71

	Paypal	25,681.61
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$197,211.32</u>
<b>PAYABLES</b>		
	Checks/Payments Issued	\$237.02
	Checks/Payments estimated	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		\$6,737.02
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>		
	Estimated MACNA/MASNA deposits	\$202,756.16
	Current deposits	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<u>\$202,756.16</u>
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>		<b>\$393,230.46</b>

9:05 Kevin Erickson invites board members to share meal receipts up to \$30 in value for reimbursement from the BOD Holiday Social event.

9:07 Christine Rowe comments on Scholarship fund payout and Ecotech's sponsorship contribution.

9:08 Kevin Erickson asks Christine Rowe about a price increase on the Quickbooks renewal price. Christine Rowe confirms Quickbooks has increased subscription prices at the time of the annual renewal.

9:09 Kevin Erickson announces a lowered Mailchimp subscription rate as a result of Joanne Vega reducing lists and removing mailing address duplicates by 10%.

MASNA is currently paying \$130.05 a month for Mailchimp at 12,600 subscribers. Kevin Erickson mentions the price will soon be reduced to \$122.40 for 12,200 subscribers. Kevin Erickson concludes the time it would take board members to learn a new email management software would cost the board more than what potential savings could offer.

9:19 Christine Rowe announces the completion and acceptance of the organizations 990 Tax Documents. This tax return will be made publicly available as a PDF on the MASNA website.

9:20 MASNA Speaks event with Julian Sprung this upcoming Friday for the Long Island Reef Association (LIRA), 12/11/2020 at 9 PM EST.

9:23 End Treasurer's report.

**Tom Lisciandra:**

9:23 No comments for the public meeting.

**Tim Lyons:**

9:23 No comments for the public meeting.

9:24 Christine Rowe asks if clarification has been provided to scholarship sponsors about the application of the scholarship funds. Tim Lyons confirms the undergraduate scholarship recipients are able to use funds for research stipend purposes.

9:25 Christine Rowe and Tom Lisciandra discuss educational article contract with Tim Lyons. Tim Lyons describes ongoing challenges getting contracted authors to adhere to reasonable soft deadlines, stressing the need for a rigid and potentially legally binding contract for authors to adhere to.

**Larry Blighton:**

9:26 No comments for the public meeting.

**Joanne Vega:**

9:24 Bryce Risley loses internet connection and meeting is paused for one minute as he works to rejoin.

9:26 Announces membership promotions running through Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Ed Wiser:**

9:31 Contacted David Hammontree with Reef2Reef about poll posted on club forum about Club Leaders Zoom meeting time.

Kevin Erickson and Tom Lisciandra mention adding 2021 promotional calendars for sale on MASNA website.

**Kevin Erickson**

9:37 Kevin Erickson proposes public and private meeting dates for 2021.

2021 PUBLIC MEETING DATES:

- Jan 13
- Feb 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- Aug 11
- Sept 4 (At MACNA)
- Oct 13 (Annual Meeting)
- Nov 10
- Dec 8

2021 PRIVATE MEETING DATES:

- Jan 27
- Feb 24
- Mar 24
- April 28
- May 26
- June 23
- July 28
- Aug 25
- Sep 22
- Oct 27
- No Nov or Dec.

9:43 Motion to approve proposed dates for public meetings as shown

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tom Lisciandra	X	
Bryce Risley	X	
Tim Lyons	X	
Larry Blighton	X	
Ed Wiser	X	
Joanne Vega	X	
Kevin Erickson	X	
Christine Rowe	X	

9:44 Kevin Erickson motions to accept proposed dates for private meetings as shown in the form meeting thread.  
Motion to approve proposed dates for public meetings as shown

<u>Vote</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Tom Lisciandra	X	
Bryce Risley	X	
Tim Lyons	X	
Larry Blighton	X	
Ed Wiser	X	
Joanne Vega	X	
Kevin Erickson	X	
Christine Rowe	X	

**Membership Questions:**

9:45 Kevin Erickson solicits final contributions to from meeting attendees for the public meeting.  
No comments from the BOD or membership.

Next public meeting: 01/13/2021 at 9 PM, EST

09:46 Kevin Erickson moves to close this December 9th, 2020, Public meeting; Tom Lisciandra seconds.

**Meeting Time: 44 minutes**