



Connecticut Entomological Society
Minutes from the 585th Meeting
27 September 2024

In-person, held at Yale University, Kline Geology
Laboratory Room 101

Members met for a pre-meeting social in the Kline Geology Laboratory room approx. 6:30pm. Refreshments were served

Business meeting:

President Richard Cowles called the meeting to order at 7:29pm.

Old Business:

- CES merchandise available: hats, T-shirts.
- Some copies of the Connecticut Butterfly Atlas were available
- Secretary Lukas Keras was sick, so Webmaster Mark Stukel took the meeting minutes

New Business:

- Treasurer Mike Montgomery presented the treasurer's report.
 - As of last April, the Society had a \$106 deficit last year.
 - Some details Mike presented included \$500 spent on food, \$400 spent on the meeting program, and \$500 spent on fees. The fees mainly consisted of the society's Zoom account, the Wix website hosting, and payments to the state of Connecticut to maintain the Society's registration.
 - According to Mike, dues and donations covered almost everything, which is why the society had such a small deficit.
 - The Society checking account balance sat at \$6,719, which is why Mike is not worried about the current deficit. The checking account balance includes the Memorial Fund, which was established through the sales of a book at the 25th anniversary of the Society. The balance also includes a CD for \$4,000, so not all of the funds are liquid though.
 - Dues for the 2024-2025 year were increased at the April meeting to \$20 for regular members and \$10 for student members. Mike Montgomery issued a reminder to members to pay their dues if they have not already, preferably using the PayPal form on the website, but a check through the mail is also acceptable.
- President Richard Cowles provided a preview of the year's meetings

- The October meeting will be held on October 18th at UConn, with Jacob Dayton, a recent PhD from Tufts University talking about the molecular biology of insect biological clocks.
- The November meeting will be held November 15th, with a talk by a PhD student from Joseph Coolon's lab at Wesleyan on RNAi for spotted-wing *Drosophila*.
- The January meeting will be held January 17th at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station.
- The February meeting will be held February 15th at UConn, with a talk on Scorpion venom.
- The March meeting will be the usual student presentations. The date is still TBD pending UConn and Yale's Spring Break schedules.
- The April meeting is tentatively scheduled to have Bill Yule give a talk about insect associations with fungi.
- Anyone with ideas for speakers at future CES meetings should email Richard Cowles (richard.cowles@ct.gov)
- Guests and new members introduced themselves to those in attendance.

Announcements

- An announcement was made that the CT Botanical Society will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, October 19th, with a talk on the North America – East Asia plant disjunction that may be of interest to CES members. Additional information will be sent out to CES membership over email.

Exhibits

- Ray Simpson brought his pinned moth and butterfly collection.
- Warren Bacchus brought a number of very large live Imperial Moth caterpillars he collected in North Carolina.

Richard Cowles called the business meeting to a close at 7:49pm.

Instead of an evening presentation, Larry Gall, Entomology Collections Manager at the Peabody Museum, gave a guided after-hours tour of the newly-renovated Peabody Museum. The tour was followed by an open house in the pinned entomology collections, where members could browse the cabinets and drawers. The open house ended approximately 9:00pm.

**Submitted,
Webmaster Mark Stukel (filling in for Secretary Lukas Keras)**