

18 AUG. 2005
AUDUBON BOARD MINUTES

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. in the small meeting room of the new Lakes Regional Library. Present were board members Barbara Bacon, Vince McGrath, Frank Pirog, Dan Van Norman, Kathie Zurich and visitors Marti Daltry (Riverwatch) and Brad Cornell (Collier Audubon).

Marti and Brad were welcomed by Vice President Vince McGrath, who circulated a rough draft of the Annual Report forms due to FAS. He also reported that the chapter's insurance has been renewed through June 2006.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Kathie)

As of June 30: Checking = \$2,468 Savings = \$90,862 Money Market = \$1,058
Investment Portfolio = \$90,862
Deposits will be made from annual dinner, birdathon and field trip = \$288
TOTAL = \$94,676

NEWSLETTER: (Vince)

The deadline for submission of articles is August 29.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS: (Dan)

Vince reported that we need more materials for our booth at events. We can order bulk promotional Audubon materials from FAS.

Events the chapter will participate in:

- Jan. 22 –Rookery Bay
- Jan. 29 – Big O
- Feb. – Burrowing Owl
- March – Lee Co. Bird Patrol

Field Trip schedule to date:

- Sep. 17 – Lighthouse birding with Vince
- (*tentative) Oct. – Babcock Ranch
- Nov. – Dinner Island*
- Dec. – 20/20 property*
- Jan. – kayak/canoe Orange River to FAS islands*
- Feb. 25 – CREW
- Mar. 18 – Cecil Webb
- May – Manatee World

Dan will finalize details on field trips so we can print a brochure or flyer.

MEMBERSHIP:

Kathie will be in touch with Laura regarding details.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marti Daltry: At Pete's request, Marti presented the board with details regarding endorsing the nomination of the Caloosahatchee as an endangered American River, which is being spearheaded by the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association/Riverwatch. This action will hopefully bring the river problems to the forefront of state and national attention and improve public policy.

MOTION - made for this endorsement (Barbara), seconded (Dan), and passed unanimously.

Brad Cornell: Brad informed the board of numerous resources available to our chapter through his support as an Environmental Policy Advocate for FAS.

- 1) The Regional Conservation Committee meets quarterly to co-ordinate efforts, ideas, strategies. Dan and Kathie will attend the next meeting on September 10 at 9 a.m. at Corkscrew Swamp.
 - 2) Audubon Academy will meet in March at Eckerd College to focus on improving chapter business, raising money for chapters, etc.
 - 3) FAS will address woodstork, panther and other local issues.
 - 4) FAS wants to help southwest chapters with development.
- These ideas spurred discussions, including looking into teaming up with other area chapters in shared programs, field trips, events.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The next board meeting will be on September 15, again at the Library.