

**Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 20, 2007, 6:00 pm
Eco Living Center
Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

Minutes

Chair: Pete, Board members in attendance: Gerri, Dan, Carl, Gene, Tina, Rebecca, David, Ginny, Maria

Guests: Fran Williams, Jim Brock and Dr. Paul Gray

Welcome: coffee, cider and cookies at 5:30 by hospitality committee.

Business meeting: Called to order at 6:10 pm

Minutes: Nov. minutes approved. Mary moving to new job and therefore Secretary position vacant. PQ doing minutes.

Membership: almost 1300 paid, over 2000 on mailing list. New online credit card form being developed.

Treasurer's report:

Solvent. \$3800 in checking. Flyways and Evco registration outstanding.

Request from BOD for budget spread-sheets.

To consider an appeal letter in January/February.

Books being reviewed by CPA student at FGCU.

Education programs:

Gene provided copies of Lee Birding DVD for Everglades Coalition display.

Audubon Academy April at Vero Beach - all board members invited to participate - chapter will pay \$25 registration.

FGCU can use 100 copies of Flyways for campus distribution. David and Rebecca to coordinate.

Conservation report:

ASWF signs on to group letter on mining impacts and concerns.

RCC meeting Dec. 16th at Big Cypress focused on members issues and on water quality in our rivers.

Next RCC meeting Sanibel in April/May. Will discuss access to public lands. Any/all BOD members welcome to attend.

Everglades Coalition conference - Dave registered, will use Lee Birding 101 as display

Approved asking Peace River Audubon representative to CH-NEP CAC meetings to also represent Audubon SWFL.

Panther Posse support. Dave to provide background materials for vote in Jan.

Field trips: Small turnout to Calusa Creeks because of telephone troubles. Next trip to Picayune restoration project.

Programs: Jan. 17 meeting will feature Caloosa Blueways Festival with Betsy Clayton. Lee Parks will help promote.

Web report: now have secure site.

PR/Flyways:

Winter Flyways in the mail., delayed because of paper delivery to printer.

Printer needs two weeks.

Next edition Feb 14 for notice of annual meeting.

BoD unanimously rejected using Audubon Population Planning flyer in Flyways. Rebecca to draft response to Audubon DC.

Birdathon/Festivals: Discuss at Jan. meeting. Will do Cape Coral Owl festival.

Hospitality: Fran Williams elected, unanimous, to BOD and Chair of Hospitality Committee.

Old business. Notice for annual meeting at Corkscrew April 12th in next Flyways.

Dan to help PQ and Maria at RRR run. Jan. 6th

New Business: Carl working on draft eagle protection ordinance for Lee county.

Carl will attend EvCo conference as Sierra rep.

Adjourn: 7:10 pm.

Program: Dr. Paul Gray , "Lake O and the Caloosahatchee estuary" at 7:10 pm - 22 in audience