

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Board of Directors Meeting
February 17, 2011
Iona House, Calusa Nature Center, Fort Myers, FL

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order - The Board of Directors meeting of February 17, 2011, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Wayne Daltry. Board members present were Wayne Daltry, Jim Rodenfels, Brad Cornell, Toby Clark, Mari Hanley, and Maria Quasius. Guests included Teddy Rodenfels.
2. Agenda - The agenda was reviewed with no changes noted.
3. Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting (January 20, 2011) were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was reviewed and a motion to approve it was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. Discussion followed regarding our endowment fund, the monies available from it (dividends and interest less applicable fees), and the restrictions placed on our principal investment.
5. Membership Report – 157 local and 1908 national members. Membership appeal going out in the mail by March 1st along with notification of Annual Meeting and Birdathon appeal.
6. Conservation and Advocacy Report – Lee County Shorebird Partnership is experiencing some dispute with the condominium associations regarding Least Turn nesting posting. Also, some activity with roof-top monitoring. There will be joint training (Collier and Lee Counties) for shorebird stewards in May. March 1st expect the Lee County ERA report re: growth management (Lee Plan).
7. Outreach and Education Report –
8. Field Trip and Education Report –
9. Programs Report – The next program will be Charles Sobczak – author of the *Living Coast: a Nature Guide to Southwest Florida* - at 7:00 pm on February 17th in the planetarium. His book will be for sale for \$20 per copy (of which ASWF receives a donation of \$4.40).
10. Fairs and Festivals Report -
11. Old Business – Nominations are being accepted for election at the Annual Meeting which will be on Saturday, April 9th (see Calendar of Events for specifics). Nominating forms for Conservationist of the Year are being accepted. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to authorize up to \$1,400 for expenses relating to the required mailing of the notification of Annual Meeting. Registration for Birdathon is open.
12. New Business - A motion was made, seconded, and approved (four yes's to two no's) to approve Sarah's request to fund up to \$275 for her attendance at the 7th Annual Audubon Academy. The nominating committee is in progress. The Swamp Cabbage Cruise has been canceled and our sponsorship donation will be returned. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide a \$100

sponsorship to the Big O Birding Festival.

13. Calendar of Events – the Annual Meeting will be at 5 pm on Saturday, April 9th at 5:00 pm with dinner following at 5:30 and our speaker at 6:30. It will be held at the Iona House, Calusa Nature Center. Birdathon is the week prior.

14. Adjournment and Next Meeting - A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn. The next meeting is March 17, 2011, to be held at the Planetarium, Calusa Nature Center. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The evening's program on Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge by Ding Darling Biologist Tara Wertz followed.

prepared by:

Jim Rodenfels
as Acting Secretary

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