

May 18, 2006
Minutes of ASWF Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m., Rutenberg Park meeting room.

Annual meeting report: (Vince)

There were twenty-two paid attendees at the dinner/auction/meeting on May 6. Christina and June will chair the annual dinner committee for next year. John Moran may be a possible guest speaker for next year. Barbara will send out thank you notes to John Moran, Steve Tutko and Clive Butcher.

A special presentation of a plaque and two ten-year memberships was made at the board meeting to Frank and Catherine Pirog in sincere appreciation of their decades of dedication and service to the chapter.

Newsletter: (Vince)

The first newsletter will go out in September 5. We need quotes for mailers and printers. Vince will aim for 2,000 copies to be sent out. About eighteen hundred names are on the membership list currently, with about two hundred memberships floating.

Secretary's report: (Barbara)

About twenty-five welcome letters went out last month to new/renewing members. Minutes have been emailed to board members each month and posted on the web site. Barbara will print out vouchers to have a supply available at board meetings. Pete's mailing address is 7918 Haven Drive, #1, Naples 34104.

Treasurer's report: (Kathie)

\$1,349 Checking (\$1100 is now due for insurance); \$96,724 is in the Charles Foster Conservation Fund (\$3500 is liquid), MBNA is \$960. Charles Foster check of about \$15,000 will be forthcoming; \$1,457 came in from Birdathon; \$298 from silent auction.

Website: (Pete)

Steve has committed to doing this another year, even though he has moved to NJ. The Website is averaging about 1,000 hits a month.

Membership: (Pete, Kathie)

NAS is holding money for about five months before we receive it, so we are looking into a better system. There are serious discussions going on among the nation's local chapters regarding whether to stay connected to NAS.

Field Trips (Dan)

Tentative ideas are: rookery trip, storm water, Dinner Island (Oct./Nov.), Conservation 20/20 property (Dec.), Lighthouse hawk watch (Sept., Vince). Pete suggested a bus day trip to the space coast for the Jan. bird show; he will start tentative preparations. Connie's got some ideas regarding kayaking trips; Babcock trip is another possibility; Pine Island, also. Birdathon will possibly be April 1 (Gerri and Dan will co-chair the committee).

Conservation:

- We will have money for FL Master Naturalist Program, and the program will be put together by Teri and Margaret.
- Laura will continue to spearhead beach clean up.

- A list of priorities for 2007 was discussed at length.
- Caloosa Creeks Preserve is being designed. We will keep an eye on possibilities on this project.
- Sharon is working on the display; Marty and Christina will help her. We will try for participation in Blue Ways Festival in 2007. Connie and Marty will distribute guides with Audubon information inside at their respective booths at this year's festival.
- Christina moved that the chapter sign on with the ten other organizations who have requested an environmental study of the DRGR. Gerri seconded; passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Kathie, seconded by Carl, to join the position statements on Coconut Rd. interchange and 951 location. Unanimous vote.

Education: (Teri)

Teri is working on ideas connected to FGCU.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. The next board meeting will be on August 17 at Rutenberg.

ADDENDUM:

An email motion was made, seconded, voted on by board members and passed on May 23, 2006: ASWF supports the Riverwatch NWR grant and will assist in the project.

A motion made by Pete , seconded by Sharon to endorse the nomination of Alan Keller as chairman of the ASWF Regional Conservation Committee and Christine Andrews to be the SW Florida representative to Audubon of Florida did not receive the necessary ten votes; therefore, ASWF abstained in the endorsement of these candidates.