

Audubon of Southwest Florida
Minutes of Meeting of January 17, 2013
Meeting Room: The Iona House, Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium,
3540 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Review/approve the Agenda;

BoD and officers In attendance: Veaux, Rodenfels, Jordan, Ukalovic, Daltry

2. Address by Dr Barbara Peterson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at FGCU

She spoke to the process for applicants for scholarship, with an emphasis on environmental scholarship. Audubon has the final say on who receives the scholarship. Another application process will be needed for ECC.

It is noted that the current FGCU scholarship deadlines are for March 1st.

3. Minutes of August 16: Motion to approve by Rodenfels, second by Ukalovic.

4. Treasurers Report: Motion to approve by Daltry, second by Ukalovic.

Approval for bills to be paid and contributions to be made: Postal permit; Brookman for website and servies; contribution to CNCP for annual use of facilities; contribution to Ecovoice pending question asked by Veaux; contribution to Big O birding festival; contribution to Mangrove Café; sponsorship for ECWCD/Harns Marsh.

5. Committee Reports

a. Education

1. Report on Scholarships and recommendations (continuation of #2 above)

This arrangement is being presented to place ASWF in compliance with the student financial aid process as well as with IRS requirements (violation of which could cause loss of our tax exempt status).

It is anticipated we would limit academic scholarships to FGCU only. We would still provide organizational grants as appropriate (example - the junior naturalist program at the nature center).

This agreement retains ASWF's say in approving the recipient, gives preference to ASWF members, and requires the recipient to attend a fall ASWF program (the environmental breakfast?) order to receive the full amount. Item tabled until the next meeting.

b. Conservation. Cornell was ill, Veaux is looking for groups where signatures for land and legacy be secured.

c. Field Trip (Manatee Park, January 26th) Brock was ill, February field trip will be Ding Darling bicycle trip

d. Membership: Forbes presented that there were 34 new members and 36 renewals.

e. Program (February): Veaux is securing the information on the purple martin presentation.

f. Publicity: Distribute information on the purple martin presentation at CNCP.

g. Publication (Newsletter): none.

6. Pending State/National Audubon matters

7. Nature Center Updates. Aviary etc. The reverse raffle on January 26th and Volunteer Appreciation on February 2nd.

8. Old Business. None

9. New Business. Modified the annual schedule of events

10. Next Meeting is the Program on February 21, and business meeting on March 21.

Rough Meeting Schedule

February 21--Program

March 21--Business Meeting

(Audubon Aviary refitting fundraiser?)

April 4-5 Harns Marsh event

April 18—Program

Estero Earth Day event (date TBA)

May 18 (Saturday) Event and Annual Meeting

June 20--BOD organization and Business Meeting

 Audit Subcommittee date

 Budget subcommittee date

July 18---Program

August 15--Business Meeting

 EcoBreakfast Subcommittee meeting??

 Conservation Educator of the year nomination solicitation

September 19--Program

October 17---Business Meeting

October 24--Annual Breakfast

No November Meeting

December 12/19---Short business meeting, Christmas Social, Program on BirdCount?? (Arbor Light