

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
December 21, 2017
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other currently serving board members present were Jayne Johnston, Carol Newcomb, Gerri Reaves, and Jim Rodenfels.

Note: Past Presidents still active/interested in chapter though not serving on the current board are John Cassani, Don Doggett, Bill Hammond, Connie Jarvis, Mary Lee Mann, Vince McGrath, & Maria Quasius.

Minutes of November 16 meeting approved (JR/JJ).

Treasurer's Report/Jim: The November report was distributed and discussed and the following expenditures approved (GR/DV):

- Year-end Newsletter -
 printing \$1,500
 postage \$ 250
- US Postmaster non-profit permit renewal \$215
- Name Tags for board members: a. \$7 each
- Website: \$360/3 yrs. (reimbursement to Jim Brock)

Committee Reports

Membership/Jayne:

November 2017: 105 chapter; 1078 national; 0 renewals; 2 new chapter members

Conservation/Carol: She is making FGCU contacts re: bird-window collision project. She and Gerri will focus more on the project in the coming year.

Education/Jayne: The bird club progressing and will be joining the CBC at Harn's Marsh. Jayne plans to include the club in all chapter activities when possible. Fundraising is planned for binoculars and bird guides. Approval of \$146.60 for bird guides.

Field Trips/Jim: About 15 people attended the trip to Rotary Park in Cape Coral. The next trips are to the Black Island Trail at Lover's Key SP, then Kayaking with the Manatees at Manatee Park. Jim hopes to schedule a Bunche Beach trip in February.

Programs/Gerri: All presenters are notified and lined up. Carol previewed her February program, which will possibly begin at 6:30 to allow for an intro, the long film, and questions. The board meeting will consequently start at 5:30.

Publicity/Carol: Several media outlets published announcements for tonight's program. Dan will attend and exhibit at Wings over Water, Saturday, January 20 and at the Burrowing Owl Festival, Saturday, February 24.

Newsletter/Jim: Preview copies of the December's *Flyways* were distributed. Corrections are to be emailed to Courtney ASAP so it can be sent to printer.

Old Business:

Christmas Bird Count/Jayne: Participation/sign-ups are good and there's been good media coverage.

New Business:

Website Update/Jim Brock: Decisions re: which emails are channeled to whom was worked out (e.g., RSVPs for trips, comments). Jim is happy to remain webmaster for the present.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. (JR/JJ).

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.