

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors
(Conservation Committee followed by Regular Meeting)
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

August 17, 2023 at 5:15 pm on Zoom

Call to Order at 5:48 PM

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P)	Brad Cornell	Vince McGrath (PP)
Dan VanNorman (VP)	Robin Serne	Pete Quasius (PP)
Jim Rodenfels (T)	Julie Motkowicz	

Guests: **Ryan Sperzal**

Approval of the Minutes of June 15, 2023 – Approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim: see emailed report; approval of funds; IRS returns and FL charitable solicitation registration filed. Fund can be made available for educational materials.

Committee Reports

Membership/Jim: See emailed report – Typical numbers for this time of year.

Conservation:

- Brad & Robin/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship & FGCU
- Dan & Gerri/EvCo
- Gerri/glass collisions; sign-ons, Julie has collection permit for Window Collision birds.

Field Trips/Jim: See emailed report; Robin/combo field trip & program ideas. Excellent field trip to CREW in June. Trip to Harns Marsh upcoming. Reviewed field trip planning for 2024.

Programs: none scheduled. Consider a holiday party for this winter and save a date for the Annual Meeting.

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters):

- Items for August's Gmail blast due by the 25th
- Gerri/Website updated with accomplishments. More updates to come.

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan: Season's options & registration. RESET Seed and Plant Festival in December – Gerri will speak and we have a table reserved. EvCo Conference will be at Coconut Point. And Audubon Assembly is upcoming.

Robin will create a list of future events and get board members to sign up for who will table.

Education/Jim: Ratify vote on 2023 FGCU scholarship applications. Approved by unanimous consent.

National & State Audubon Updates: Assembly Oct 26-28

New/Updated/Ongoing Business

- Gerri/2023 LCEC grant submitted
- Robin & Gerri: Strategic planning get-together
 - Robin send an email with possible dates. Location: Collaboratory.
- Robin/Grantmaking organizations
- Photo Contest/Jim: NAS & ASWF recent winner
- Gerri/Invitation from CREW for nonprofit leaders to network.

Adjournment at 6:48, approved by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2023 at 5:15 pm (ZOOM)

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne.

On August 21, 2023