

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)  
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting  
January 18, 2018  
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other currently serving board members present were Courtney Kern, Carol Newcomb, Gerri Reaves, & 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 December 21 meeting approved (CK/GR).

Treasurer's Report/Jim: The December report was distributed and the following expenditures approved (GR/CK):

RVNA/insurance renewal	\$ 560
FL Dept. of State/Annual report	\$ 61.25
FGCU Foundation/scholarship funding	\$1000

Nametags already approved last month and are forthcoming.

### **Committee Reports**

Membership/Jayne (via email report):

December 2017: 102 chapter; 1014 national; 3 renewals; 2 new chapter members

Conservation/Dan (JR/CN): On chapter's behalf, he will complete Audubon Florida's sign-on letter for Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Field Trips/Jim: About 15 signed up for trip to Black Island Trail; only 9 attended due to cold weather or illness. The next trip is Kayaking with the Manatees at Manatee Park on both Saturday, January 27 and Monday January 29.

Programs/Gerri & Carol: All presenters are notified and lined up, except for annual meeting speaker (TBD). For PR, Gerri will request bio only, not photo, and no longer produce flyers.

Carol's March program will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30; board meeting at usual time.

Publicity/Carol: Media outlets published announcements for tonight's program.

Dan will attend and exhibit at Wings over Water, Saturday, January 20; Water Resources Conference at Pelican Preserve, Friday, February 2; and the Burrowing Owl Festival, Saturday, February 24. A volunteer for exhibit at Pelican Preserve is needed.

Newsletter/Jim: December *Flyways* has been mailed.

### **Old Business:**

Christmas Bird Count: Gerri reported numbers for Orange River Circle, afternoon-evening trip

**New Business:**

Gerri and others suggested that all board members should update their group board email address so they reach only current members.

The Southwest Florida Birding Seminar will take place March 16 & 17.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m. (CK/GR), followed by a program, "Herpetofauna of Southwest Florida," by Shane Johnson of the Calusa Herpetological Society.

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.