

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
June 15, 2017
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other board members present were Brad Cornell, Jayne Johnston, Carol Newcomb, Pete Quasius, Gerri Reaves, Jim Rodenfels, and Carl Veaux.

Minutes: May 18 Board Meeting and June 3 Annual Meeting (CV/GR) Approved

Treasurer's Report: Jim

Report as of May 31, 2017 (GR/CN) Approved

Renewal of lease (CV/CN) Approved

Conflict of Interest Policy—details of IRS EZ Form and chapter charitable status certification discussed (JR/DV) Approved; will be sent to State of Florida

Field Trips: Vince McGrath will lead the 20th Hawk Watch in the fall.

Programs: no report

Publicity & Website: Carol is making announcements on the website; chapter continues to explore possibility of self-managed website; festivals for chapter to attend are Burrowing Owl in Cape Coral and Wings Over Water

Newsletter: no report; send info to Courtney

National and State Audubon Updates: Pete urged the support of a chapter member as a representative for the Florida Audubon board region, with Brad concurring

New Business

Committee Appointments: Jim--see distributed list

Appointment of the voting delegate for AWSF for Everglades Coalition business: Pete will continue with Dan serving as alternate.

Contact List: Jim—corrections made; see distributed list

Environmental Breakfast: Jim

Next breakfast set for Oct. 26; Jim will deposit the \$150 rental fee for location; planning materials distributed; Neil Wilkinson will be asked to speak; several award candidates were mentioned.

Membership: no report

Education: Jim & Jayne

FGCU Scholarship Award: three applicants' applications presented, recommendation made (JJ/CV) Approved. FGCU will notify the recipient.

Conservation and Advocacy: Brad

Re: state legislature--Some disappointments with Florida Forever, but some successes, e.g, CREW Headwaters approved by Gov. and Cabinet 6/14 and placed on 2017-18 Work Plan

State's seven RCCs will each prioritize projects in their regions

2017-2018 Budget: Jim

(BC/PQ) amended budget Approved

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 (No meeting in July)

The meeting was adjourned at a. 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.