

Meeting of the Board of Directors
(Conservation Committee at 5:00 pm followed by Regular Meeting)
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
February 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm
at the Collaboratory, Fort Myers

Call to Order at 5:27 pm by Gerri Reaves, chair

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P)	Brad Cornell	Lina Ramirez-Granada
Dan VanNorman (VP)	Robin Serne	Pete Quasius
Jim Rodenfels (T)	Michele Bellinger	Guests: Julie Motkowicz, Scott Blake

Approval of the Minutes of January 26, 2023 JR/DV - unanimous

Treasurer's Report/Jim - new format presented; business card exceeded approved cost by approx \$8

Committee Reports

Membership/Jim - February report for National not yet available; local memberships reported 40 renewals and 29 new members

Conservation: shorebirds – Robin reported plentiful sightings on Big Hickory as well as towards the Sanibel causeway; Gerri/glass collisions – City Hall reported a bird strike / Gerri took them a requested kit; sign-on to Am Bird Conservancy re: insecticide regulations.

Field Trips/Jim: Caloosahatchee Regional Park scheduled for Saturday, February 14

Programs & Events:

- March 16 program – Tony Mauriello; April 20, Nancy MacPhee, Friends of Cayo Costa & Barrier Island Park Society

Public Outreach Send items for February Gmail blast to Jim by February 25th; Facebook submissions to Robin

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events

- Jim: reported on Wings Over Water (WOW) at Harnes Marsh, February 4
- Dan: Burrowing Owl Festival on February 25; Julie M interested in possible placement of bird boxes for CREW; WOW Festival identified two other groups also interested in bird boxes

National & State Audubon Updates: annual chapter report filed last month

Old Business:

- Speaker for Annual Dinner on June 3 – Amy Bennett Williams- 65th Year!
- Filling board positions – ok'd sending Julie M. the Board Orientation document

New/Updated Business:

- updated LCEC grant expenditures
- the Water Resources Conference was well attended
- canal-clearing on Cape Coral received recent widespread news coverage due to wildlife concerns

Meeting Adjourned at 6:29 pm - motion made, seconded, and carried; followed by program by Brad Cornell of Audubon Florida

Next Meeting Date: March 16 at the Collaboratory

Minutes submitted by Jim Rodenfels
February 12, 2023