

Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Dec. 18, 2008 - 6 PM
Eco Living Center

Chair: Carol Newcomb Jones

Board Members Present: Carol Newcomb-Jones, Gerri Reaves, Gene Csonka, Tina Csonka, Mari Hanley, Kelly Williamson, Carl Veaux

Also attending: Dan Van Norman

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: Nov. minutes approved as posted to website.

Membership: Postcard renewal reminder going to members expiring with Jan. and Feb. program announcement.

Treasury: Carol Newcombe Jones will represent ASWF at the Everglades Coalition Conference in January. The chapter has funded her registration.

Education programs: Gene reported interest in ASWF chapter at fossil event at Calusa Nature Center, where he represented chapter. He suggests that we print an information card explaining our meeting locations etc.

Conservation report: Urban Fertilizer use ordinance adopted by Bonita Springs, Ft. Myers. Cape Coral considers it next.

Joined SupportFloridaForever Coalition to seek 2009 funding for public purchase of habitat.

Board discussed one nominee for 2009 Conservationist of the Year.

Board discussed the possibility of changing the location of the 2009 Eco-B'fast and chapter taking on full responsibility for the event.

Field trips: The Board mentioned but postponed further discussion of organizing van trip for Big O Birding Festival , April 3/4th, 2009 or to Babcock Ranch Preserve for April 19 Earthday?

Programs:

The chapter will sponsor Mangrove Gathering on Jan. 9 at the Eco Living Center. Gene will set up a table; more volunteers needed.

January 15 program will be "The Green Monster," a film and discussion on green algae organized by Sierra's Marti Daltry. A Lee County expert will lead the algae discussion.

Feb. 19 program will be Pam Jones, Ph.D. on birds at Lover's Key.

Jerry Jackson will be the keynote speaker at the March 19 annual meeting.

Discussion of Earthday at Babcock Preserve on April 19 was tabled until more board members are present.

Fairs and festivals:

Announcement: Volunteers needed for RR&R Caloosahatchee Regional Park on Jan. 11th.

Web report:

Mari continues to update calendar with festivals, etc.

Send calendar posts to Mari at info@AudubonSWFL.org.

Birdathon: Coordinator needed for 2009. Gerri suggested combining the event with Earthday at Babcock.

PR/Flyways:

Big O flyer and Bird Flu cards will be inserted in next Flyways.

Chapter stationary is now available (envelopes, postcards, letterhead), thanks to Rebecca and DJ.

Postcard Flyways announcements (meetings and programs) planned for Jan.

Pete will prepare annual-meeting edition to be snail mailed mid-Feb. to give official 501c3 notice. Send content ideas and committee reports to Gerri.

2009 Board and Officers/annual meeting: VP Carol led search committee. Anyone else interested in committee assignment please contact her.

Board discussed proposed slate that would take office on March 19, 2009. Some changes were discussed. Carol suggested that if Gerri would consider becoming president, that she (Carol) would assume many Flyways duties. (Kelly has since offered to take-over as Flyways editor; Carol, Kelly, and Gerri will meet to discuss possibilities for sharing editing duties.)

President - Carol Newcomb Jones
V/P Treasurer - David Green
Secretary - Pete, Mari -web calendar
Parliamentarian - Tony

Programs - Gerri, Carl (volunteer needed to replace Gerri)

Newsletter - Gerri (editor)

Festivals- Gene (Tony to assist in organizing Nov. 2009 Eco-b'fast and annual meeting)

Trips - John

Hospitality - Fran

Education - Rebecca, Tina, Gene, Kelly

Membership - Maria

Birdathon - vacant

Conservation - PQ chair, David, Carol, Tony

Adjourned approximately 8 p.m. for Holiday Party.