

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2015

Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Wayne Daltry. Board members present were Melinda Averhart, Teddy Rodenfels, Brad Cornell, Gerri Reaves, Jayne Johnston, Vince McGrath, and past presidents Pete Quasius and Carl Veaux.
2. Minutes – A motion for approval of the minutes for the November 19, 2015, meeting was made by Pete Quasius, seconded by Brad Cornell, and passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Jim) – A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership (Dawn) - Three new members have joined the local chapter, bringing the total to 170 members.
 - B. Conservation and Advocacy (Brad)
 - a. ASW support of the “Friends of Badcock” proposal was discussed. Because the current plan includes complete management by the Forest Service and discontinues public use of the property, support was voted against.
 - b. New Christmas Bird Count circles for Koreshan State Park and Fort Myers Beach will be added to the annual event. Pete Quasius will oversee the addition of these locations.
 - c. Approximately 2400 acres of land will be added to CREW, north of Corkscrew Swamp.
 - d. The next Regional Conservation Committee meeting will be hosted by Peace River Audubon and held at Charlotte Harbor in January.
 - C. Education (Teddy) – Pete Quasius proposed that ASF work with the Isaac Walton League to select the recipient of a \$1000 college scholarship. Teddy Rodenfels will look into the scholarship requirements.
 - D. Field Trips (Jim) - The 2016 field trip schedule is finalized and posted on the website.

- E. Programs (Melinda) - a list of the speakers and programs through April, 2016 is posted on the website.
- F. Publicity Report (Carl) - no report
 - a. The details and entry information for the 2016 Photo Contest will be posted on the website and included in the annual newsletter.
- G. New Business –
 - a. The need for liability insurance that includes coverage for field trips and use of the SW Florida Masonic Center was discussed. A motion to allow Jim Rodenfels to secure coverage for a maximum of \$650/year was approved.
 - b. There will be a brief presentation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 5:45 before the next Board meeting
 - c. Jim Rodenfels made a motion to redirect the donation from the River, Roots, and Ruts Run to the newly established Roger Clark Memorial. The motion was approved.
 - d. Jayne Johnston volunteered to represent ASF at the River, Roots, and Ruts Run on January 10.
- H. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 and was followed by a holiday party and program featuring member photographs. The next meeting at the Masonic Temple will be January 21, 2016 at 6:00, followed by a program on Prescribed Burns.

Prepared by Melinda Averhart
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