

Minutes
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.
September 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Quasius at 6:10 p.m.

Rebecca Austin and David Green were welcomed as new Board members.

There was no program.

Minutes

Motion to approve – Carl Veaux, 2nd Dan VanNorman, motion passed

Membership

Maria Quasius sent out 770 Flyways, received 60 renewals, don't know if they are new or renewals. According to NAS our membership is at 1169. Next Flyways printing will be 1200. All chapters are independent affiliates. Pete Quasius doesn't want to secede, but wants to have a better handle on fees. \$45 membership for NAS, join for 3 years, have them send it to ASWFL, we call it one year, we renew for 3, send one year fee portion to NAS for each of the three years.

Treasurer's report (from email)

Report submitted by Ginny Cooper from email received from Kathie

Checking account balance: \$2,105

Investment balance as of 8/31: \$116,850 (Transferred \$2,500 from Investment to Checking to cover expenses going forward)

Memberships & donations received: \$120

Expenditures: \$1,704 (newsletter - \$749; postage - \$293; software - \$149; conference - \$500; message line - \$13)

There are no outstanding vouchers. Maria's reimbursement is in the mail.

Pete Quasius suggests we have a second vice president/treasurer, presented Ginny Cooper for the position. Motion to approve - Maria Quasius, 2nd Geri Reaves, motion passed.

Pete Quasius presented Maria Quasius as bookkeeper – Motion to approve - Geri Reaves, 2nd Rebecca Austin, motion passed

Pete Quasius received credit card offer for ASWFL at 0%, asked for motion to apply...would be used by anyone for ASFL expenses...motion to approve – Ginny Cooper, 2nd Geri Reaves

Ginny Cooper to get hold of Kathie for transfer!!!!!!

Don't know if IRS report has been made.....

Education Committee

Educational committee chaired by Carl Veaux, had interview with Brent Jackson for FGCU scholarship. Voted unanimously to award scholarship. First candidate, first award. Motion to approve - Carl Veaux, 2nd Geri Reaves, motion passed.

Cut check now, make presentation award at Environmental Breakfast October 25th

Rebecca Austin filling vacancy on board. Motion to approve - Ginny Cooper, 2nd Carl Veaux, motion passed. Rebecca will also serve on the education committee.

Gene Csonka not present; expressed interest in serving on the education committee as well.

Conservation Committee

Adding David Green to board and CC, filling Sharon's vacancy. Motion to approve - Dan VanNorman, 2nd Carl Veaux, motion passed.

Motion to reshuffle board: Sally from Conservation Committee to Hospitality; Sharon to be removed. Motion to approve - Gerri Reaves, 2nd Dan VanNorman, motion passed.

Committee chairs to have authority over their respective committees – recruit as necessary, etc.

Need feedback as to whether or not to be moral supporter for save our swamp initiatives? Not financial.

Motion by Gerri Reaves, 2nd by Dan VanNorman. Discussion: DVN: does it involve taking a stand on developments, or just protecting water quality? PQ: taking a stand. DVN abstained, motion carried.

Pete Quasius has asked for forms for ASWFL to become a member of the Everglades Coalition, has not received them yet.

John Cassani to seek appointment to FWC in January.

Booth at festivals? Mooring Festival? Dan to get list of festivals to participate in for next meeting.

DRGR letter, only one response to that letter...which is why we restructured the CC.

Hendry/Glades got a grant for a birding scope last year. Do we have a need? DVN says yes. DVN to research and propose for 2008 budget.

Saturday field trip – DVN and GR only attendees. Had a great time!

Programs, reviewed schedule. Schedule will be sent to Gerri for Flyways. Ginny to handle PR for programs

Environmental breakfast is October 25th.

No Birdathon chairman yet.

Motion to accept Mary Mann's return to Board of Directors. Maria Quasius moved, Carl Veaux 2nd, motion passed.

Motion for Maria Quasius to represent ASWFL at Assembly. Ginny Cooper moved, Gerri Reaves 2nd, motion passed.

Audubon Academy has been supported by chapters over the years. They have asked us for a donation. Instead perhaps we should write a letter suggesting that 1% of monies raised in Lee County go to this as opposed to a straight donation. Discussion tabled.

Green energy – program suggestion

Guest – Mari Handley, new member...Tarpon Bay Explorers, signed up at Mangrove Café

Adjourned 7:55