

Agenda & Minutes (in text box)  
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)  
December 17, 2020 at 4:30 pm  
Fort Myers Regional Library--Outdoors & Observing Physical Distancing Guidelines

Call to Order and Attendance

At \_\_ 4:30 \_\_ pm; attendance (those attending in bold)

- Gerri Reaves (P)                       **Brad Cornell**
- Dan VanNorman** (VP)                       Courtney Kern                       Wayne Daltry
- Jim Rodenfels** (T)                       Sean McCabe                       Pete Quasius
- Michele Bellinger** (S)                       Carol Newcomb                       Carl Veaux

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval of Minutes of October 15 meeting

Approved /by Brad, 1<sup>st</sup> by Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan

Treasurer’s Report: see Jim’s emailed report

Items for review/discussion/reapproval from November meeting via email; compliance with the FL Not for Profit Corporation Act

- renew USPS nonprofit permit – approx. \$235—needed for newsletter mailing
- review/continue discussion of payments to:
  - AWRA, FL (\$200)
  - WOW Festival (\$50)-send donation
  - Everglades Coalition (\$100)Reviewed and already approved

**Committee Reports**

USPS permit approved /  
Treasurer’s Report approved / 1<sup>st</sup>-Brad and 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dan Unanimously approved by all

Membership: see Jim’s emailed report; NAS’s number’s not yet available

Conservation-1) Rock Mine litigation, development as residential projects-2900 acres will be preserved next to Corkscrew. 2) would like to get coordination for Shorebirds stewardship at FGCU. It is budgeted already. 3) Lee county is working on flood mitigation plan, with Audubon. 4) EvCo award nominees: Ray Ann Russel and Alison Kelly are candidates for Conservationist of the year. Jose Rodrigues and Congressman Frances Rooney are candidates for Public Service

#### Conservation:

RCC update-working on winter meeting

- AF's SW Florida Regional Resiliency Compact: 12/11 meeting, resent sign-ons; sign-on to letter to CC Council-8 recent government sign-ons, still working on some due to political changes in leadership, Cape Coral looks good
- EvCo update: EVCO Award Nominees; votes
- Estero Bay ABM update Email from Tyson Dallas of Florida F&WCC: partner on shorebird stewardship?

#### Education:

Approve/pay FGCU Scholarship donation of \$1,000

1<sup>st</sup> -Michele 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dan Unanimous approval

#### Field Trips:

upcoming travel adventures to Delray Beach (Feb) & Cayo Costa (Mar)

2021 fully scheduled including two-day long trips 1) Cayo Costa, 2) Del Ray

New additions to Linear Park 1) Six Mile Cypress, 2) Flatlands Preserve

#### Programs:

Nov. 19 Zoom program by Friends of Cayo Costa had technical problems, but the presenters skillfully improvised and answered questions.

40 signed up, 12-14 showed

End of the year membership meeting may be done by zoom or cancelled

Publicity & Newsletter:

- Newsletter items to Teddy ASAP; almost ready to go to printer-looks great!
- Approve \$2,000 for postage and printing for year-end newsletter
- items for January's Gmail blast
- New *Flyways* banner coming, thanks to Teddy's expertise and initiative.

*Florida Weekly* article published a story on Christmas Bird Count, Orange River Circle.

1<sup>st</sup>-Dan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad -Unanimous

National & State Audubon Updates

Equity and Diversification-has been challenging, bad publicity was received by National Audubon

**Old Business**

Water Resources Conference-1/22, 12-3. Registration is \$50-not co-host member and \$25 for co-host member

### **New Business**

- Update on FGCU Service-Learning students; completing/submitted projects; birds and bat fatalities; continue w/new students? Carol is hoping to mobilize the Art Department for an innovative solution.
- Bird-window collision info about FM City Hall sent; Jim and possibly Carol joining downtown survey
- Burrowing Owl Festival—submit a possible video if possible
- Jim still using FGCU intern for field trips
- Bird collisions- students finalizing project with Geri. There is a new city person in charge – will update. Group is doing surveys downtown with several involved.
- Calusa water keeper-city council may be open to possible change

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 21, 2021. Location TBD.

Annotated by and submitted by \_\_5:45\_\_\_\_\_

On January 10\_\_\_\_, 2020