

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
May 18, 2017
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other board members present were Brad Cornell, Jayne Johnston, Gerri Reaves, Jim Rodenfels, and Carl Veaux.

April Minutes: Approved (CV/BC)

Treasurer's Report: Jim submitted February, March, and April reports: Approved (BC/GR)

Pending expenditures were all Approved (BC/CV):

Melinda Averhart	Shorebird steward	900
Food & supplies	Annual meeting	130
USPS	P.O. Box rental	130
Everglades Coalition	Annual membership	25
Masonic Lodge	2017-18 rent	575

Dan presented additional funds collected: \$28 from April program donations and \$300 income from SW Florida Water Resource Conference at FGCU.

Membership: Jayne reported the following changes:

Chapter membership: 121, no renewals, 3 new

National membership: 1158, 2 new

Conservation and Advocacy: Brad summarized Conservation Committee meeting held prior to board meeting, including the agenda of the May 13 Regional Conservation Committee (RCC) and successes and disappointments with State legislative session. See attached. He also recommended chapter support for Carol's attendance at Al Gore's Climate Reality Leadership Corps training. He will follow-up with her on details and possible proposal to the board.

Education: Jim said that several applications for the scholarship had just been received from FGCU. No action on Carl's suggestions that the chapter fund two students for the CNCP's summer programs and that the chapter donate to the CNCP for buying specialized cage wire for the eagle habitat and for a boardwalk.

Field Trips: Jim presented a summary of the year's programs and field trips (which will be revised to include final program data). Approximately 600 people participated this year.

Programs: John Cassani will speak at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 3.

Publicity: Carl will no longer send out press releases to local media, so a replacement is needed.

Old Business: The need for coordination in the chapter's web presence (official website, another website, and facebook) was discussed.

New Business: A summer *Flyways* will not be published. Jim previewed the annual meeting schedule, handed out a tentative agenda, and said that RSVPs for the annual dinner were coming in.

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15. The 2017-18 budget and post-election reorganization will be the focus.

Carl noted two grants to consider applying for, CHNEP's and Gannett's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. (GR/JJ). No program followed.

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.