

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
December 20, 2018
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other board members present were Brad Cornell, Jayne Johnston, Sean McCabe, Pete Quasius, Gerri Reaves, and Jim Rodenfels. Also in attendance was member volunteer Jim Convery.

Minutes of November 15 meeting approved (SM/PQ)

Treasurer's Report/Jim:

Report for November 2018, previously distributed by email, was approved (PQ/SM), including expenditures: check reorder \$86.82, renewal of non-profit permit \$225, and newsletter printing & postage \$2260.

Committee Reports

Membership/Jayne: November National membership was 1322 (up 44). Chapter membership was 130 (up 8), with 4 renewals and 5 new memberships since last month.

Conservation/Brad:

Update on HCP/Collier County land: still pending, decision possible in May.
Option for SFWMD's basin-wide management plan: Approved JR/JJ.

CWK has filed a law against ACE based on protection of endangered and protected species.

The chapter needs to hire a Winter Shorebird Steward; Brad will ask Courtney and Kara Le Fevre for prospects.

Summary of Conservation Committee meeting held prior to board meeting/Sean:

In attendance: Sean, Pete, Dan, Jayne, Jim R., Gerri, Brad. Sean discussed the following issues:

- *SFWMD maps for Basin Action Management Plan: option for ASWF to comment on plans.*
- *Corkscrew Crossing development; another organization's possible legal challenge to off-site mitigation; possible role for ASWF (not litigant) as intervenor or amicus; Brad will distribute statement when it's completed.*
- *20/20: approval of Harmony Ranch; hopes for Stolle Ranch; also 2600 acres in Charlotte.*

Education/Jayne: Jayne set up a table for kids at the Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival in Punta Gorda in November. Upcoming presentations/tabling: Tidewater, Bonita National, Wings Over Water.

Field Trips/Jim: Various Christmas Bird Count events are scheduled; two Manatee Kayaking trips are scheduled for January.

Programs/Jim R.: Reimburse Sean \$335.48 for video screen & stand approved (PQ/BC); purchase 72 Ceramic Coffee Cups w/ASWF logo \$245.27 approved (JJ/BC).

Publicity/Dan.: Tonight's program announced in press.

Newsletter/Jim: *Flyways* needs to go out year-end. Send Courtney submissions ASAP.

Old Business:

Christmas Bird Count & Publicity: Jayne was interviewed by Roger Williams for *Florida Weekly*.

New Business:

Colombia Trip Publicity/Jayne: Jayne distributed the new brochure and will submit a piece for *Flyways*.

CREW Sparrow-banding/Jayne: She discussed the research and proposed we consider donating another year, since the bird bags and mist nets are expensive. Jim R. pointed out the problem with donating to an individual vs. an organization or other entity. Jayne will get more information from the researcher.

Chapter Support for Collier County Solar Co-op/Sean:

Florida Solar Neighbors United, which is launching the Collier County Solar Co-op, needs partner organizations to lend use of their logo for their flyers. AWE is providing a logo now; ASWF will consider providing its logo in 2019, when a Lee County initiative is launched.

Pete: Sponsoring Peace River Audubon for Everglades Coalition approved (JJ/SM). An RCC meeting will be held on Sat., January 26 at 10 a.m. at Lakehouse in Babcock. Note: The RCC meeting was subsequently schedule for 9 to 11 a.m.

Jim R. reported that the Gmail account had "blown up" and urged patience as he works with it to accomplish what's necessary.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019. Daniel Quinn of FWC will present "FWC's Python Updates and Nonnative Wildlife Identification."

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. Gerri's program "Plume Bird Hunting in Early Fort Myers" followed. (Scheduled presenter cancelled due to jury duty.)

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.