

Board of Directors Meeting

Nov. 20, 2008 - 6 PM

Eco Living Center

Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers

Chair: VP Tony Miller. Present: Kelly, Gerri, Gene, Tina, Carl, Rebecca, David, Mari, Maria, Fran, Pete

Welcome coffee and cookies by Fran. Thanks Fran!

Meeting called to order at 6 pm.

Minutes: Approved Oct. minutes as posted to web.

Membership:

New NAS membership data system discussed. Better.

Approved asking membership if "chapter only" membership should be established to increase operating funds. Only \$1500 received from NAS for 2008. Several board members report paying but not getting Audubon magazine. One who recently renewed for three years already getting junk mail from NAS for renewal.

NAS list has just over 1100 paid members for ASWF. Down over 300 in last six months.

Treasury:

Approved continuing to meet at Eco-living center for 2009. Space provided in swap for Mangrove Gathering support of \$350.

Pete authorized to discuss with other Audubon chapters possible merger.

Conservation/Scholarship Fund has taken almost 30% hit in stock market collapse.

Motion approved to spend remainder of 2008 advocacy budget, \$500, for advocacy efforts funded by Collier Audubon in SW Florida Motion approved to fund chapter representative (NYE \$350) for Jan. EvCo Conference. David Green can not attend. Pete to investigate day rate if Carol too can not go for weekend. Gerri/Rebecca interested

Education programs:

Kelly to continue to do CHNEP/wading trips in cooperation with Calusa Nature Center. Next trip Feb. at Bunche Beach.

Rebecca to provide new announcement, loosely worded, for FGCU scholarship to be posted to web and for next Flyways.

Conservation report:

Advocacy help secure historic Argo ranch purchase. Thanks.

Chapter would like to sponsor discussion of Panther Protection Plan/ Big Cypress development after science coimmittee makes its report.

Approved joining FWC "Teaming with Wildlife" partnership.

Field trips:

Approved sponsorship of Big O birding festival , April 3/4th, 2009, for \$100. Will get ASWF logo on literature

Programs:

Gerri to organize Xmas party Dec. 18th at Eco Living Center - short BOD meeting, no program.

Agreed to co-sponsor 1/15 program with Sierra? Film and discussion on water issues.

Pam Jones speaking in Feb, Jackson in March.

Fairs and festivals:

Gene planning to host display at Calusa Nature Center fossil club expo. Dec. 6th.

Order placed for samples of Audubon promotional items.

Will consider display table at Burrowing Owl festival in Feb.

Approved sponsoring RR&R Caloosa Regional Park/Brookman run for \$100? Need volunteers - Jan. 11th. PQ to show flag at Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival in support of Eco-Voice.

Web report:

Calendar posts -suggestions to Mari via info@AudubonSWFL.org

Birdathon: No report, need new coordinator for 2009

PR/Flyways:

Have Big O flyer and Bird Flu cards for inserts for next Flyways.

Stationary. Samples organized by Rebecca approved. PQ to arrange printing of envelopes, post cards, letterhead.

Do membership appeal letter with annual meeting announcement.

2009 Board and Officers/annual meeting: VP Carol to lead search/nominating committee. Appointed Gerri to assist. Tony to review/update By-laws to allow membership changes.

Adjourned: 6:55 pm

Program: 7:00pm FGCU's David Green on Brazil study tour to audience of 30.