

Minutes for Board Meeting
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
December 16, 2021

5:30 pm Conservation Committee Meeting (optional) & Holiday Toast; 6 pm Board Meeting

Zoom link follows Agenda

Call to Order and Attendance

At 6:00 pm; Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P) **Brad Cornell** Lina Ramirez-Granada

Dan VanNorman (VP) **Vivian Cardoso** Wayne Daltry

Jim Rodenfels (T) Sean McCabe Pete Quasius

Michele Bellinger **Carol Newcomb (S)**

Approval of Minutes of November 18, 2021 meeting **Vivian 1st, Dan 2nd unanimously**

Treasurer's Report: Discussion and vote to approve Jim's emailed reports; baseline funding of \$1,538.25 received from National Audubon **Carol 1st, Vivian 2nd unanimously**

Committee Reports

Membership/Jim: see emailed report

Conservation:

- Brad: discussion on response to USF&W's proposal to delist Florida panther and Key deer
- Gerri & Dan: EvCo update & votes—Quarterly meeting changed to January 21; Diamondback Terrapins Protection Resolution; President Biden Federal Funding Letter
Dan voted to approve the terrapin resolution and the Everglades Restoration project
- Sean: Estero Bay ABM update -- Brad is now interim chair of this
- Brad & Jim: Shorebird Stewardship update; choice of shorebird assistant Robin-principal, Hannah-assistant. They are both all trained. Brad and Jim trained them on 12/15/21
- Gerri: bird-glass collision update--Collaboratory retrofits windows for bird safety!; meeting with developer re: FM downtown project; delivered info to a local business; few surveys; two useful webinars. The Collaboratory installed vinyl on their problem windows and is now a model for bird safe buildings. Carbon Press came up with the solution and designed the vinyl for glass. The Collaboratory had found dead birds from window collisions. Gerri identified local architects to contact with info on bird-safe glass.

Approval for Gerri to submit, on behalf of chapter, a Modification Request Form to Florida Green Building Council (FGBC) to modify standards to include bird safety for green certification. **Carol-1st, 2nd- Vivian unanimous**

- Carol: Environmental Education Alliance meeting at Everglades Wonder Gardens – Will work with Educational Team (Jessi Drummond) to develop educational material about bird-friendly buildings for them to use at the Everglades Wonder Gardens.
- CFM's Proposed 1-day irrigation schedule; update ordinance

Field Trips/Jim: (absent)

Publicity, Website, Newsletter, & Social Media/Jim (absent):

- Review DRAFT gmail blast for December
- Burrowing Owl Festival plans for February 26 – Vivian is volunteering. At Rotary Park. 9 to 4

National & State Audubon Updates/Brad:

Programs/Gerri: Still planning to resume in-person meeting on January 20 with Nancy MacPhee, Friends of Cayo Costa & Mgr. Product Development Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau; if things go well, we need to choose a speaker for the annual dinner.

NOTE: Collaboratory Policy—"All attendees must wear masks in the building in common areas including lobby, hallways, restrooms, and cafe."

Education/Jim: (absent)

Old Business:

- Dan/AWRA \$200 sponsorship check on track? Dan is still working on that.
- Jim/Update on Year-End Postcard (in lieu of hardcopy newsletter) - all set
- Brief discussion about request received to endorse Florida Scrub Jay as state bird; no action

New Business: Jim/Photo Contest – Jim received some photos. Will be starting

Meeting Adjourned: 6:41 pm

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the Collaboratory; Conservation Committee Meeting at 5 pm, BOD Meeting at 5:30 pm, program at 7 pm

Annotated and submitted by Carol Newcomb on December 31, 2021