

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

January 18, 2024 at 5:15 pm on Zoom (~~invitation below~~)

Call to Order 5:30

Attendance (those attending in bold)

<b>Gerri Reaves (P)</b>	Brad Cornell	Vince McGrath (PP)
<b>Dan VanNorman (VP)</b>	<b>Robin Serne</b>	Pete Quasius (PP)
<b>Jim Rodenfels (T)</b>	<b>Julie Motkowicz</b> (for Conservation meeting)	

Guests: Ella Brown, CLI Student

Approval of the Minutes of December 17, 2023. Approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim: see emailed report; approve funds

- The following funds were approved by unanimous consent:
  - \$672.09 (budgeted at 670.50) for RVNA insurance
  - \$61.25 (budgeted at 61.25) FL Dept of State annual report
  - \$1,400 + \$60 for winter shorebird steward & parking pass (to pay late March / early April); Robin Serne as lead steward
    - Edwin as assistant at \$500 + \$40 for parking

### Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Robin/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship
- Dan & Gerri/EvCo—sign-ons, votes
- Gerri/glass collisions: presentation at IMAG STEM Center Jan. 7; Dbird glitching, iNaturalist "Bird-Window Collisions" project" working better; Birdcast resumes March 1
- Potential Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve boundary adjustment

Membership/Jim: See emailed report

- Postcards arrived in mail boxes approx. Jan. 2
- BOD annual membership renewals certified

Field Trips/Jim: See emailed report

- Billy's Creek was a big success, lots of attendees, and lots of birds
- Kayak with the Manatees at Manatee Park on Sat., Jan. 20
- Rotary Park February 10
- More state parks to be added

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters): Items for next Gmail blast due by Jan. 25

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan:

- AWRA Conference- we will have a booth
- Burrowing Owl Festival
- Alva Garden Club Festival?
- CHNEP Climate Summit (free): February 28 & 29, 2024, Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Punta Gorda
- Earth Day event, Lovers Key
- Wings over Water – Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Jim and Dan

Education

- Awaiting scholarship applications

National & State Audubon Updates:

- Plants for Birds update
- Presentation for January 23 AF Presidents Call on Glass Collisions & Lights Out

Old Business:

- Bylaws revision; suggestions by Feb. 5; to be approved at next meeting

New/Updated/Ongoing Business: time to suggest the following

- Board candidates
- Annual meeting speaker
- Nominations Environmentalist/Conservationist of the year award

Adjournment 6:13 pm

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 on Zoom**

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne

On January 18, 2024