

**Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)  
October 20, 2022  
5:30 pm Conservation Committee Meeting (optional) &  
6 pm Board Meeting via Zoom**

Call to Order

Attendance (those attending in bold)

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

**Dan VanNorman (VP)**              **Robin Serne** Wayne Daltry

**Jim Rodenfels (T)**                      Michele Bellinger

**Carol Newcomb (S)**                  Pete Quasius

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval of the Minutes of August 18 and September 15, 2022

Motion to approve Jim 1<sup>st</sup>, Brad 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Committee Reports**

**Treasurer's Report/Jim:** see emailed report

- AWRA--submitted \$300 "guarantee" and approved \$250 sponsorship
- Environmental Breakfast deposit refund has been received
- Approved following expenditures & report, Carol 1st, Robin 2nd
  - \$100 sponsorship of Eco Voice
  - \$50 membership for Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife
  - \$39.72 annual renewal for Wix
  - \$1,000 scholarship funding to FGCU Foundation
  - \$7.99 nametag for Carol
  - \$47.70 WIX domain fee; 2 yrs. Thru 10/5/24
  - \$250 AWRA conference sponsorship

**Membership/Jim:** see emailed report

**Conservation (5:30):**

- Brad/ LEICWA & RCC update
- Robin & Brad/shorebird stewardship; winter season that will probably begin in Jan.
- Jim/selection of Winter Shorebird Stewards, Robin and Monica; funds to be approved later
- Dan & Gerri/EvCo update: sponsorship vote; quarterly meeting on Nov. 4

- Bird-glass collision update
  - Gerri/TV spot postponed due to storm; FGBC video on new commercial standards planned; general downtown update—migratory species are fatalities
  - Carol/SL at FGCU: one student monitoring
  - Robin/Water School: Redstarts discovered after colliding with glass

**Field Trips/Jim:** see emailed report; if Babcock trip planners do not respond soon, trip will be cancelled and hopefully rescheduled

**Programs & Events:** Gerri/will check on possibility of resuming in-person program and holiday party at the Collaboratory in December

**Public Outreach** (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters): Jim/Reviewed DRAFT November Gmail blast; send additions to Jim by October 25

**Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan** listed possible events for the coming year

**National & State Audubon Updates:**

- Audubon Assembly in person cancelled; three online events instead, one held last week
- Gerri/NAS has announced the opening of the Collaborative and Audubon in Action Grants; brainstorming for projects encouraged
- NAS has sent surveys for input on “naming project” and other concerns

**Old Business:** Audit by Jim, Dan, and Robin to be rescheduled

**New/Updated Business:**

- LCEC grant of 579.00 has been received; focus is public outreach; website to be updated to acknowledge award
- Gerri/Signed on a Bird Conservancy letter to EPA about neonicotinoids on bird seed

Chapter can consider recognizing its 65th anniversary on March 2023, perhaps at annual meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 pm

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 17, 2022

Annotated and submitted by Carol Newcomb

On October 30, 2022