

JAN. 19, 2006 – ASWF BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:10.

Present: Board members - Barbara Bacon, Christina Baker, Vince McGrath, Frank Pirog, Dan Van Norma, Kathie Zurich. Also present – Connie Langman, Desiree Williams, Carl Veaux, June Huss.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Kathie reported that the chapter’s investment broker needs a photo ID, social security, telephone and address of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, as required by the Patriot Act.

Checking = \$3,355 Savings = \$1,000 Foster Conservation Fund = \$95,104

On Kathie’s suggestion, Frank moved that we close the MBNA savings account and move the funds to the checking account. Christina seconded and this passed unanimously.

A letter of appreciation was circulated from the recipient of the FGCU scholarship.

ECOSWF membership of \$25 will be paid for another year.

Vince announced that the chapter received notice that we have been left a bequest from the estate of Charles Foster. The chapter will be informed of the details at a future date.

EVENTS/FIELD TRIPS:

Twelve people have signed up for the Jan. 21 kayak trip at Manatee Park.

Feb. 25 – CREW

Mar. 18 – Cecil Webb

April 8 – Babcock Ranch has been re-scheduled for this date at 10:00 for \$14.95.

Birdathon will be in April (date still to be decided); May field trip is still being determined.

NEWSLETTER:

Frank circulated a membership form to distribute at events and around the community (Calusa Nature Center, e.g.). It was decided not to send it in the newsletter, since most newsletters are mailed to members. Vince will contact Pete to see if he can help with ideas about the format before the Feb. 18 festival that Vince will attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

Desiree Langman presented information regarding using Manatee World boats for trips and the annual dinner. After discussion, it was decided to have the annual dinner as a cruise on the “Rover” on Sat., May 6 from 5:30 – 8:30. The cost would be approximately \$700, including food. It was decided that a charge of \$25 per person would be reasonable for the trip.

A possible power point joint meeting with Sierra Club was discussed and will be looked into.

Pete has investigated the by-laws and found that we need a review of our responsibilities regarding new board members. Carol Newcombe-Jones is considering joining the board. Connie, Carl and June were invited to join the board this year as members-at-large. All agreed that this was something they would be glad to consider.

The next board meeting will be at Barbara Bacon’s house. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

