

Board of Directors Meeting
Apr. 17, 2008
Eco Living Center
Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers

Chair: VP Carol Newcomb Jones; Gerri, Dan VanNorman, Dan Tudor, Tony, Fran, Brent, David, Pete, Ginny

Welcome: Excellent coffee and cookies by Fran.

Business meeting: called to order 6:05 pm

Minutes: March and Annual minutes approved as posted to website.

Membership: ASWF will offer discounts to membership for Babcock Wilderness Adventures, Calusa Nature Center, Mark Renz walk-in expeditions, the Clewiston Inn, the print shop of N. Ft. Myers. Others being negotiated. Will list on membership card with details on website.

Corkscrew will honor ASWF membership card for 1/2 price admission.

Will offer \$100 membership special package for Earth Day to include ASWF shirt, coffee cup, Tudor burrowing owl pix, DVD. Three years in ASWF, one year in National Audubon.

Treasurer's report:

Bills paid.

Need to transfer funds from Conservation/Education fund for Wings of Hope support.

Payment for cost of Barnett presentation authorized.

Tony to set up "Quick books" for chapter financial management.

Education programs: Rebecca reports via email FGCU environmental group interested in partnering with ASWF.

Carol reported Audubon Academy very worthwhile.

Conservation report: Spreader Canal in Cape Coral update provided by PQ.

Support for legal fees approved unanimously.

Authorized David to sign-on to wetland protection effort sponsored by Everglades Coalition.

Signed on to letters in opposition to legislation attempting local preemption, in support of green cars, and in support of strong fertilizer control legislation.

Field trips: Trip to Litte Estero Island this weekend. 12 signed up.

Programs: Small crowd at annual meeting at FGCU which was unfortunately at same time as opening of Six Mile Cypress Eco Center.

Agreement to try to get Cynthia Barnett back for Eco B'fast Oct.23. Riverside park. Need caterer.

Earth Day 2008 at Koreshan park this weekend. Set up 8am. Pete, Dan T and Dan V, Carol, Gerri to staff. Will co-op with Bill Cox, photographer. Dan to provide owl pix.

Web report: Check out Mark Renz pix on birding page

Now have secure site for credit card use including AMX.

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

PR/Flyways:

Audubon SWFL logo'd shirts available for \$30, hoodies for \$35.
contact PQ.

Next Flyways: July – scholarship/education focus. Gerri needs
copy/ideas ASAP.

Next issue to include "sponsors" box.

Environmentalist of Year award to be presented at May Mangrove

Gathering

New Business: none

Adjourn: 7:00 pm

Program 7 PM: Excellent program on Climate Change Issues by Carol
Newcomb Jones and Dell Jones.

Will offer to take the program to other organizations.