

- **Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.**

Board of Directors Meeting

Sept. 18, 2008

Eco Living Center

Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers

Chair: Carol Newcomb Jones. Present: Pete, Gerri, Dan T, Tony, Tina, Gene, Rebecca, Kelly, Fran

Business meeting: Called to order 6:05 pm.

Minutes: Approved Aug. minutes as posted to website.

Membership: Membership cards sent with Flyways last week but not yet received. Maria has extra membership cards. Membership numbers falling due to lack of renewals. 600 memberships came/come due this quarter. Need to decide in Jan if chapter will establish "chapter only" memberships to get operating funds. Want to discuss more/better offerings to existing membership rather than focus on membership growth at future meeting.

Treasurer's report: Investment portfolio took hit in stock fall market. Transferred funds to checking for operating expenses.

Education programs: Wading trips - waiting on CH-NEP grant approval. Will need volunteers for birding program presentations at Bunche Beach. .

Conservation report: Sign-ons. Mangrove Gathering grant, global warming legislation support.

No ASWF representative at Regional Conservation Committee meeting 9/13 in Clewiston. Babcock update - proposal for phase one of town being submitted to regional planning council.

Field trips: Sanibel Hawk watch Oct. 12th.

Successful night walk at Six mile Cypress but not identified as ASWF event and confusion over donations to ASWF.

Programs:

Cynthia Barnett eco-b'fast 10/23 on track: Tony to pay bill for space and arrange motel. PQ out of town. Carol to MC.

Mark Renz scheduled speaker Oct. 16th at Rutenberg.- Gerri and Rebecca to do PR. Fran to organize coffee/cookies.

2009 program schedule - not yet determined. Dan wants help.

Fairs and festivals: Gene volunteered to head committee and decide on which events, if any, to participate in. Consensus that we consider fair or other big event. Dan wants participation in B'owl festival - will get Gene details..

Web report: Calendar posts - suggestions to Mari vi a info@AudubonSWFL.org.

EcoVoice network now has 3000 members. Join and post items of interest. "Eco Voice"

[<environmentalvoiceofsouthwestflorida@yahogroups.com>](mailto:environmentalvoiceofsouthwestflorida@yahogroups.com);

Birdathon: No report. Has historically been major chapter fund raiser.

PR/Flyways:

Next Flyways: Date/ format to be determined.

Sponsorship - next edition will have appeal for sponsorship.

Stationary - Rebecca will organize design for letter head and business envelopes

New Business:

Audubon SWFL 2008 conservationist of the year selected. Carol will organize award. Please do not leak name.

Reimbursement for Carol's participation in Audubon Assembly (\$125) as ASWF representative approved. Early bird registration closes 9/23. Discussion of if chapter will/should provide support beyond registration fees for events.

Tony to chair 10/16 meeting.

Adjourn: 7:30 pm

Program: No program.