

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors
(Conservation Committee followed by Regular Meeting)
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

September 21, 2023 at 5:15 pm on Zoom (invitation below)

Call to Order 5:36

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P)	Brad Cornell	Vince McGrath (PP)
Dan VanNorman (VP)	Robin Serne	Pete Quasius (PP)
Jim Rodenfels (T)	Julie Motkowicz	

Guests: Liz Johnson

Approval of the Minutes of August 17, 2023 by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Robin/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship
- Dan & Gerri/EvCo—sign-ons, votes
- Gerri/glass collisions
- City of FM meetings re: parks and rec, green spaces

Treasurer's Report/Jim: see emailed report; two Audubon Assembly early registrations (\$135 ea.) approved by unanimous consent.

Membership/Jim: See emailed report

Field Trips/Jim: See emailed report

- August 19th at Harns Marsh
- Upcoming: September 17th at Powell Creek & October 15th Hawk Watch w/ Vince on Sanibel
- 2024 and remainder of 2023 posted to website

Programs: none scheduled besides Annual dinner June 1

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters):

- Items for September's Gmail blast due by the 25th
- Gerri/Website updated
- Facebook updated

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan: Season's options & registration; table volunteers needed; see Robin's tentative schedule below & give feedback

- Looking at registration info for events and Farmers Markets

Education/Jim & Julie:

- Thank you note from Monica McKenzie, 2023/24 scholarship recipient
- Approve funds for table freebies (educational & promotional items); Motion Approved by unanimous consent for 4 officers to approve educational up to \$500
- Flyer made with field trips listed

National & State Audubon Updates: Assembly Oct. 26-28; RCC Priorities submitted to AF, see attached

Old Business: Annual meeting scheduled for evening of June 1, 2024 at Collaboratory; volunteers arrive a. 4 pm; Approved by unanimous consent \$462.50 to reserve the Collaboratory for the Annual Meeting.

New/Updated/Ongoing Business

- Robin/2023 LCEC grant submitted for Shorebird Stewarding costs
- Robin/Plants for Birds grant partnership with LKSP-winners will be announced at Assembly.
- Robin/Summary of Strategic planning get-together on Sept. 12
- Gerri/Bylaws revision- Governance Committee will review
- Time-change for October meeting- Meet at 1 pm on Zoom
- Gerri: Letter to Rep Donalds
- Dan: SWFL WRC Jan 26, 2024 at FGCU, Dan is on planning committee and will attend. Robin could be at the exhibit table if we have one- time conflict with the EVCO Conf.

Adjournment: 6:27 pm

Next Meeting Date: October 19, 2023 at 1 pm (ZOOM)

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne

On September 21, 2023