

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting  
October 18, 2007  
6:00 pm  
Rutenberg Park  
Fort Myers, FL

The meeting was called to order by President Pete Quasius at 6:10 pm.

Gene and Tina Csonka were welcomed as new Board members.

Other Board members in attendance were:

Pete and Maria Quasius  
Ginny Cooper  
Gerri Reaves  
Dan Van Norman  
Mary McAuliffe  
David Greene  
Rebecca Austin

**Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes as posted to the website passed..

**Membership**

Remittance envelopes were sent with Flyways. A special \$10 student membership form was sent to FGCU.

**Treasurer's report**

Books were transferred from Kathie to Ginny. Forms signed by corporate officers to allow transfer of funds from Investment to checking account, as needed to pay operating and authorized expenses.

**Education Committee**

Rebecca Austin agreed to serve as Chair. Gene and Tina Csonka will serve on committee also. Motion made by Mary to approve Edison College scholarship for 2008 at a not to exceed cost of \$2000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ginny, motion passed. Past ASWF president Mary Mann is our contact at Edison College.

**Conservation Committee**

Motion made by Maria to adopt the 2008 conservation priorities as posted on Audubon of FL website, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, motion passed.

Motion to seek membership in Everglades Coalition approved. David Green will attend the Everglades Coalition conference in January 2008 and will complete

the membership registration forms on behalf of the Chapter. Motion made by Ginny to approve registration-conference fee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, motion passed.

Dan will attend the water issues workshop at FGCU on 11-16-07. Motion made by Gerri to reimburse Dan for the registration fee to attend the FGCU workshop, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, motion passed.

Motion made by Gerri to nominate Conservationist of the Year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan, motion passed. Award presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting at Corkscrew, Dan to arrange plac.

### **Field Trips**

Dan reported the recent The Hawk Watch at Sanibel was a big success. Good turn-out and sightings (over a hundred kestrels seen in one hour).

### **Programs**

Ginny will have coffee mugs for sale at the Environmental Breakfast on 10/25. Mugs can be sold at all program events for \$5 each. Check the website for program updates. Scheduled events are also included in Flyways.

### **Flyways**

Gerri asked for photos of events, dates for field trips, etc. The Fall issue was mailed and includes a poster insert. The Winter issue goes to printing in early December.

Meeting ended at 6:45 pm.

Meeting was followed by a program by Dr. Jerry Jackson on the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. 35 in attendance.