

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Meeting Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2018
Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Call to Order and Attendance: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Other board members present were Jayne Johnston, Carol Newcomb, Pete Quasius, Gerri Reaves, and Jim Rodenfels. Also in attendance were member volunteers Jim Convery and Carol Mariany, as well as Taylor Libby, student volunteer from FGCU.

Minutes of October 18 meeting approved (PQ/JJ)

Treasurer's Report/Jim:

Report for October 2018, previously distributed by email, was approved (JJ/GR).

Environmental Breakfast report: Attendance was 95; proceeds were \$1,991.00; expenses were \$901.80; and net profit was \$1,089.20.

New Business:

Dan: Sponsorship of Calusa Waterkeeper's December 10 film showing of *Wind Across the Everglades* at Broadway Palm: \$300 for Audubon table of 8 approved (PQ/GR); Jim will pay upfront and be reimbursed by attendees who want to donate; Gerri will give a 10-minute talk about Audubon and the history of the plume trade.

Discussion and vote on nominations for 3 Everglades Coalition awards; Dan will submit our votes.

Pete explicated the SFWMD's vote regarding the recent controversial EAA vote.

After resumed discussion of the ASWFL and AWE Agreement of Understanding, the board approved (JR/JJ) a "handshake agreement" that encompassed the facts in the written draft previously considered.

Committee Reports

Membership/Jayne: October National membership was 1278 (down 20). Chapter membership increased by 14 to 111, with 15 renewals and 3 new memberships since last month.

Education/Jayne: Jayne will set up a table for kids at the Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival in Punta Gorda, Saturday, November 17.

Field Trips/Jim: Corkscrew After-Hours on Nov. 16 is the next trip.

Publicity/Carol N.: Tonight's program was announced twice in the *News-Press*.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, December 20, 2018. Blake Jacoby will give a program on "Black Skimmer Research" and the Holiday Party will be held. Food will be served and attendees are encouraged to bring snacks.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Jayne's program in the Christmas Bird Count followed.

Respectfully submitted by Gerri Reaves.