

Meeting of the Board of Directors  
(Conservation Committee at 5:00 pm followed by Regular Meeting)  
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)  
March 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm  
Collaboratory, Fort Myers

Call to Order at \_ 5:38 pm

Attendance (those attending in bold)

<b>Gerri Reaves (P)</b>	Brad Cornell	Lina Ramirez-Granada
<b>Dan VanNorman (VP)</b>	<b>Robin Serne</b>	Pete Quasius
<b>Jim Rodenfels (T)</b>	Michele Bellinger	Guests: <u><b>Teddy Rodenfels</b></u>

Approval of the Minutes of February 9, 2023- motion made, seconded, and carried

**Treasurer's Report**/Jim: see emailed report

- Approve following payments for winter shorebirding: Robin Serne - \$1,400 & Monica McKenzie - \$500
- National Audubon baseline funding received - \$1,538.25
- Julie's name badge - \$7 +/-

motion made (DV), seconded (GR), and carried (unanimous)

### Committee Reports

**Membership**/Jim: See emailed report

**Conservation (5:08 pm):**

- Brad & Robin/LEICWA & bridge (aka "dune walk-over") - AF reviewing
- Brad & Robin/  
CHNEP Climate Change Summit
- Robin & Jim/Shorebird Stewardship – two more weeks
- Robin/FGCU SL
- Dan/EvCo
- Gerri/glass collisions; sign-ons – some migration activity noted

**Field Trips**/Jim: See emailed report; Venice Rookery on March 25

**Programs**: April 20, Nancy MacPhee, BIPS & Friends of Cayo Costa

**Public Outreach**/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters): Send items for March Gmail blast to Jim by the 25th

**Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events**: Jim & Dan: report on Burrowing Owl Festival

**National & State Audubon Updates**: Decision has been announced that NAS will retain name, increase EDIB funding, etc.

**Old Business**:

### **New/Updated Business:**

- Annual Meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, ASWF's 65<sup>th</sup> year
- Elections: notice to be given between April 12 & May 11; finalize slate tonight; postcard to editor by April 1; DRAFT program has been created
- Approve following expenditures:
  - \$650 to print and mail election postcards
  - \$150 (\$50 over budget) for hospitalitymotion made (JR), seconded (DV), and carried (unanimous)
- Introduction & vote on interim board appointment of Julie Motkowicz  
motion made (RS), seconded (JR), and carried (unanimous)
- List of opportunities for current & new board members
- Photo Contest/Jim
- Other – approved to release legal defense funding at Brad's discretion - motion made (GR), seconded (RS), and carried
- Other - ZOOM Annual meeting planning session scheduled for Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm - motion made, seconded, and carried  
to be followed by program by Tony Mauriello

Next Meeting Date: April 20 at the Collaboratory followed by program

Annotated and submitted by Jim Rodenfels  
On March 16, 2023