

**Minutes for Feb. 21, 2008 Audubon of Southwest Florida Board of Directors  
Meeting  
Eco Living Center, Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

**Chair:** Pete Quasius. Present: Gerri, Tony, Carol, Dr. Bill, Gene, Tina, Rebecca, Dan, Brent, Fran, Mari, Ginny

**Called to order 6:10**

**Welcome:** Added to BOD by unanimous vote - Tony Miller and Carol Newcomb-Jones.

**Minutes:** Pete Quasius to be secretary. No Jan. minutes, only action item was approval of \$1000 to support Panther Posse .

**Membership:** Master list, 2084 names, updated and sent to printer.

**Treasurer's report:**

Tony Miller to understudy Ginny to become treasurer

Annual appeal letter delayed – future discussion of donors

Spread sheets of budget to be emailed, money in the bank

Audit underway at FGCU. Ginny/Tony/Maria will work out transfer of financial responsibilities in April.

**Education programs:**

Audubon Academy April – chapter will support participation by any BOD member - provide copy of registration..

No Scholarship applications received.

Dr. Bill suggested exploring support for highschool student to Audubon camp at Hog Island.

**Conservation report:**

Carol Newcomb Jones joins committee, David Green becomes chair

Babcock Town Update – Dr. Bill briefed on water and transportation issues

Babcock Preserve – meeting of 501c group next week. Needs funding. Possible location for Earthday '09

David to represent ASWF at Riverwatch 2/23 cruise with Cong. Mahoney

Population/habitat letter – authorized Rebecca to send to NAS

**Field trips:**

Trips earn \$105

John Cassiani to help schedule trips for 2008

**Programs/Festivals:**

Dan Tudor and Carl Veaux join committee

Check from FGCU Watershed conference \$539,

Nice display for Burrowing Owl 'Festival

Need help for Mar. 1 birding festival at Lakes Park 7-12pm. Dan, Pete, Carol

Annual meeting : 10 AM FGCU building AB5 - rm 112. Cynthia Barnett- Author of Mirage. Co sponsorship with CCAS/FGCU

Earthday 2008 Koreshan, - will participate

Mangrove Gathering – ASWF will sponsor Jan 2009 and use Rutenberg for 2009 meetings.

Eco b'fast. – Dr. Bill and PQ to coordinate

Carol to coordinate climate change/global warming efforts

**Web report:**

Calendar posts -suggestions to Mari via [info@AudubonSWFL.org](mailto:info@AudubonSWFL.org)

**PR/Flyways:**

Audubon SWF logo approved. Ginny to organize stationary

Annual meeting of edition of Flyways, 12 pages, at printer. Postage ok.

Hand distribution of Flyways - FGCU, libraries, waiting rooms, Gerri 50, Dave 100, Rebecca 50.

Bill board and banner. -Thanks Ginny.

Flyways Sponsorship- grants being investigated

**Birdathon:**

Birdathon coordinator will be Brent Jackson, Dr. Bill to assist

**Hospitality:** Going Great! When electric power available consider selling early morning coffee/mugs at festivals

**Old business:** Dan organizing award for Conservationist of year.

Slate of proposed 2008/09 directors/officers/and committee chairs circulated - no objections

**Adjourn 7:00 PM**

**Program 7 PM :** Burrowing Owls - by Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife – Very nice.