

October 19, 2006 ASWF Board Minutes

Vince McGrath, Vice President, called the meeting to order, at 7:15pm. The following were present; June Huss, Jerry Jimonivich, Connie Langmann, Gerri Reeves, Dan VanNorman, Carl Veaux, Desiree Williams, and Kathie Zunich.

No Secretary minutes were available. June Huss was appointed as stand-in Secretary.

Vince presented President Pete Quasius' E-mail.

Action- Web link with Sierra Club, Nominations for 2007 Board, annual Financial Report, Archbold Trip possible in February, need to have display at Burrowing Owl Festival and Bird Festival at Lakes Park, and FGCU Scholarship. Discussion followed.

Connie made a motion to nominate Gerri Reeves as PR Director; it was seconded by Dan and passed. Discussion on hooking Sierra Club and Babcock Preservation Partnership to our website followed. Connie made a motion, seconded by Carl and passed,

Connie spoke on SWFC Breakfast Oct. 17. Dr. Paul Gray spoke about the Okeechobee Lakes issues, Kissimmee restoration, Caloosahatchee Watershed, and Everglades restoration. The Swallow-tailed Kite rookery at Fisheating Creek is 15 miles north of the proposed FPL coal plant. The Sierra Club meeting on January 4th at the Unity Church will have 2 FPL speakers there. This plant was turned down by St. Lucie Co. and 5,000 acres would be impacted. It was recommended to send thank you notes to Dr. Paul Gray, David Anderson, Eric Lindblad, and Rae Ann with SCCF. June volunteered to do this.

It was brought up about having extra newsletters to share with new and prospective members. Kathie will call Sir speedy and have 50 extra copies sent to our PO Box.

Webmaster Report: Deborah Hanson stepped down as Webmaster. Pete has stepped in to help. His new cell # is 239-465-1556. Gerri is helping with input data. Suggestions are welcome to make improvements.

Treasurer Report: Kathie stated that the checking account balance is \$17,040.80, the money market has \$920.00, and the Charles Foster fund has \$99,778.00 Discussion followed and June made a motion to transfer \$14,000 from checking to interest bearing Money Market, seconded by Connie. Monies deposited: Audubon payroll \$260 in August, \$1,538.00 in September (indicates Annual Financial Report accepted), and Birdathon \$1,230.00 from Roger Clark

Membership Report: As of todays date 1175 members. Maria Campagnore has requested approval of Access Software to purchase. Gerri said she would email her for further information. What justification for changing from Excel. Kathie reported we had 2 new members in September.

Education Report: \$200 scholarship was given to Cliff Cobrin for the Master Naturalist Class.

Adopt-A-Beach: Dan will contact Paul to set up new schedule.

Field Trips: Dan is handling the trip to Dinner Island on Sunday October 23rd. The Christmas Pot Luck will be on December 6 from 7-9pm with Silent Auction. Bird House Theme. Dan will contact Calusa Nature Center in regards to deposit for the Iona House. December 8-9 is the 40th Anniversary of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. November 17th is the SW FL Regional Conference at FGCU. Coastal Eutrophication and Harmful Algae Blooms in the topic. Speakers on natural causes versus manmade causes. \$50.00 registration. Desiree brought up that other fundraisers are using Manatee World Oxbow trips.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
June E. Huss