

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

February 13, 2024 at 5:15 pm on Zoom (invitation below)

Call to Order: 5:52 PM

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P)	Brad Cornell	Vince McGrath (PP)
Dan VanNorman (VP)	Robin Serne	Pete Quasius (PP)
Jim Rodenfels (T)	Julie Motkowicz	

Guests: _____

Approval of the Minutes of January 18, 2024. Approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim: see emailed report

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Brad & Robin/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship
- Gerri/EvCo—quarterly meeting; sign-on
- Gerri/glass collisions
- Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve bill is dead.
- Brad/cell tower threats

Membership/Jim: See emailed report; local membership at highest level ever!

Field Trips/Jim: See emailed report; Rotary Park February 10

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters): Items for next Gmail blast due by Feb. 25

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan:

- WOW Festival connected with 55 and added 15 gmail contacts
- 22nd Annual Burrowing Owl Festival, Feb. 24
- Photo Contest: entries coming in, April deadline
- Alva Garden Club
- Lovers Key Earth Day

National & State Audubon Updates:

- Audubon Annual Report in progress
- The following expenditures for Plants for Birds grant (\$2,500) were approved by unanimous consent:
 - \$14.38 for stone
 - \$11.69 for shepherd's hook
 - \$59.52 for birdbath
 - Approx. \$100 for engraving
 - Remainder to be paid directly to Natives of Corkscrew for plants
- NAS's baseline payment for next year will be based on current national membership
- Report: Presentation on AF Presidents Call

Old Business: Revised Bylaws approved by unanimous consent.

New/Updated/Ongoing Business

- Discussion of Annual Meeting & Dinner on Saturday, June 1, at Collaboratory; to be finalized by March BOD meeting
 - Speaker
 - Board slate
 - Environmentalist/Conservationist of the year award
- Possible grant application: LCEC, NAS
- Other

Adjournment 6:28 PM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024 on Zoom

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne.

On February 13, 2024