

Draft Minutes,
Audubon of Southwest Florida Board of Directors Meeting
June 21, 2012
Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium, Iona House

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Review/approve the Agenda

President Carl Veaux called the meeting to order at 7:10. Approximately 36 persons were in attendance. Board members present were Forbes, Roedenfels J, Rodenfels T, Brooks, Veaux, Brock, Daltry, and Cornell.

2. Minutes of April 19, 2012. MOTION to approve by Rodenfels, Second by Brooks, Unanimous

3. Treasurers Report. MOTION to approve by Brooks, Second by Brock, Unanimous.

Recess Meeting for Program on Shorebirds by Brad Cornell.

A superb program was presented by Conservation Chair Brad Cornell, on the variety, habitat, adaptation (sometimes) of Southwest Florida shorebirds, and their threats to survival.

The meeting was reconvened with the presentation to the membership of the Audubon Summer Camp scholarship holders, which this year totaled four, showing good use of our \$600 dollar donation from the Charles Edgar Foster scholarship fund.

4. Appoint Committee Chairs: The following persons were appointed by President Veaux to chairmanships and committees without objection, subject to acceptance by the named. .

a. Conservation: Brad Cornell

b. Education: Philip Fowler

c. Field Trip: Myrna Brock (and faithful sidekick Arthus)

d. Membership: Dawn Forbes

e. Program: Carl Veaux (for September), more volunteers needed)

f. Publicity: Carla Ulakovic

g. Publication (Newsletter): Still Wayne Daltry, (save me, someone)

h. Budget: Jim Rodenfels (chair), members Brenda Brooks and Wayne Daltry

i. Webpage: Peter Quasius

5. Committee Reports:

Membership: (Forbes) We have 1327 national members, and 172 local members. Under discussion members were reminded that we have a brochure, and if Phil Fowler could get some printed (for reimbursement) by the Nature Center, they could be distributed there, at County Park centers, and other information kiosks in the County.

Program: Vince McGrath will be presenting a program on October 21st (more later).

Webpage: (Quasius, via email). The fuzzy chicks brought forth 42,000 hits the week they were shown on Facebook, traffic declining to a respectable 11,000 the week after.

Conservation: The Conservation 2020 Program is having a “blue ribbon” committee appointed by the BoCC to oversee which reforms should be pursued, if any. Meanwhile the program itself is proposed by staff for a 20 percent funding reduction, with the reduction to be transferred to the County operating budget.

Field Trip. The Purple Martin evening downtown Fort Myers tour is planned for Friday, July 20th. It will have a downtown “architecture “, identification of twilight urban birds, and will conclude at the Purple Martin swarm mahoganies. And will be called off if it rains. More details soon.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business: Intrusions into the DRGR is a concern, which will need to be watched.

8. Adjourn. The next meeting is August 16th, same time and at the CNCP. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.