

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
February 19, 2026 on Zoom at 5:15 pm

Call to Order: 5:15 PM

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P) Brad Cornell
Dan VanNorman (VP) **Lona Philpot**
Robin Serne (Sec) Vince McGrath (PP)

Guests: Abigail Litner

Minutes of January 15, 2025 meeting approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Gerri (see attached reports):

- Florida Consumer's Certificate of Exemption received (expires 3/31/2031)
- Funds for the following items were approved by unanimous consent:
 - \$220 for reimbursement of Dan's EvCo Conference keynote speakers/meals expenses
 - Approx. \$270 for storage renewal for 6 months (preserves last year's rate, insurance and discount included)
 - \$816 approved in advance to secure current rate for 24 additional months (through feb 2028), to be ratified at a later meeting.
 - Up to \$2,000 for Shorebird steward & assistant, plus parking/tolls (1400 + 500 + poss. 100)

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- RCC meeting March 15, location TBD
- Robin /LEICWA & Shorebird Stewardship
- Dan/EvCo: Lona is new alternate delegate
- Gerri/Glass collisions
- Other

Membership/Gerri: National, mid-January: 1130; Local, as of 2/12: 101

Field Trips/Robin

- Next trip is CREW Marsh, March 11
- Start planning spring and fall trips

Public Outreach (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletter): Tentative due date for print-ready items for *Flyways* is March 22; email all submissions directly to Jim B

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan: Burrowing Owl festival next weekend

National & State Audubon Updates/Brad: Chapter report submitted.

Old Business

New/Updated/Ongoing Business:

- Annual Meeting Plans: Explore options for hosting event at Six Mile Cypress Slough

Other Business

- Abigail Litner: CLI Student, updates on Bass Pro Shop and window collision education.

Adjournment 6:12 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. on Zoom

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne

On February 21, 2026