

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
May 16, 2024 at 5:15 pm on Zoom

Call to Order 5:29 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: _____

Minutes of April 18, 2024 approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim

- A \$229 rebate was received from the Water Resources Conference
- The following expenditures were approved by unanimous consent:
 - \$200 to Audubon Florida on behalf of Bren Curtis SWF's RCC board rep
 - \$103 for Calusa Waterkeeper membership
 - \$90.10 (\$75 budgeted) to Crown Trophy award plaque
 - \$80 to Office Depot for program copies
 - \$250 for PO Box renewal

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Robin/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship
- Dan/EvCo
- Gerri/glass collisions: Possible future collaboration with Oscar Johnson at FGCU on bird glass collision specimens. Update on Wild Birds Unlimited action on bird safe glass for stores.
- Brad/ Kingston Development permit application

Membership/Jim

- Gained 7 new members from Photo Contest

Field Trips/Jim

- Bunche Beach / Shorebird Stewardship trip and Pop Ash Creek trip went well.
- Telegraph Creek hike and kayak outing coming up.

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters)

- Items for next Gmail blast due by May 20.
- Website updated with Purple Martin grant report.
 - Purple Martin infographic sign being planned with remaining grant funds.

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan & Jim

- Earth Day at Lovers Key - connected with 23 and added 2 more to Gmail contacts.
- Photo Contest: Voted unanimously to approve award funds of \$500 to be split among winners and purchase of \$100 canvas print for grand prize winner.

National & State Audubon Updates:

- Robin/LCEC Purple Martin grant
- Gerri/AF Presidents Call
- Brad/RCC: Urban wildlife issues discussed

Old Business:

- Annual Meeting & Dinner on Saturday, June 1, at Collaboratory:
 - 9 volunteers signed up
 - Election & bylaws revision, award presentation (Dan), menu, slide show
- \$95 for side 2 of multi-purpose room for combined capacity of 150 approved by unanimous consent.

New/Updated/Ongoing Business:

- June 20 post-election “organizational” & budget meeting; forward ideas to Jim
- Lee County Parks needs assessment survey

Adjournment at 6:02 PM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 20, on Zoom

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne
On May 16, 2024