

APRIL 20, 2006 ASWF BOARD MEETING

The meeting opened at 7:10 with the following present: Barbara Bacon, Margaret England, Teri Heath, June Huss, Sharon Kuchinkas, Connie Langman, Vince McGrath, Dan VanNorman, Kathie Zurich..

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Unavailable at this date. However, Kathie reported that \$340 in membership dues has been received, and a total of \$650 has recently been deposited (dues and Birdathon).

After a discussion regarding future expenditures relating to outreach to members and other financial expenses of the chapter, a motion was made (Barbara), seconded (Dan) and unanimously approved that the board be notified and approve expenses over \$100.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

- Sharon presented the board with a written update on committee work. She made a motion that ASWF join PURRE Water Coalition (People United to Restore our Rivers and Estuaries) at \$50 annual membership. The motion was seconded (Vince) and passed unanimously.
- Sharon has a display for Earth Day activities at Koreshan. Dan and Christina may be able to help.
- The chapter spoke at the Centennial Park press conference on April 19 which announced the American Rivers designation of the Caloosahatchee River as the seventh most endangered river in the country in 2006.

MEMBERSHIP:

Barbara circulated the new welcome form letter for new memberships/renewals. New chapter stationery was also available.

EDUCATION:

Margaret England (Vice President of River Watch, Secretary of Hendry/Glades Audubon, and a Florida Master Naturalist) introduced the new Hendry/Glades Audubon chapter and presented information on the Florida Master Naturalist program. She requested that ASWF and Hendry/Glades partner in promoting the FMN program, which will provide training opportunities for teachers, naturalists, docents, etc., in environmental issues. After discussion, a motion was made (Barbara), seconded (Kathie) and passed unanimously that ASWF would sponsor five individuals to attend the 40-hour FMN Program at a total cost of \$1000 by applying for a FAS grant or using chapter funds. Teri will write a grant request to FAS and volunteered to disseminate a future promotional flyer via Lee County Environmental Education. Margaret will publicize the program in the Hendry/Glades area.

EVENTS/PROGRAMS:

The Annual Dinner and Meeting on May 6 was discussed. Awards will be announced regarding the upcoming \$1000 FMN contribution, a \$500 scholarship for an FGCU student, and a \$500 donation to Riverwatch

Vince will contact Christina regarding the arrangements for food and drink.

June will ask Brian and Neil to recommend a worthy FGCU student.

Connie will call Mary Rawl to invite her to receive the Riverwatch award.

Barbara and Kathie will take care of certificates.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting will be at Rutenberg on May 18.