

Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.

**Board of Directors Meeting - draft minutes
Aug 21 , 2008
Eco Living Center
Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

Chair: VP Carol Newcomb Jones. Present: Tony, Gene, Rebecca, Kelly, Dan T, Gerri, Pete.
Guest: Diane Bondehagen, FGCU

Business meeting: Called to order at 6:10 pm.

Welcome: Approved adding Kelly Williamson, Naturalist at Calusa Center Center & Planetarium, to board and Education Committee.

Minutes: Approved July minutes as posted to web.

Membership: 1100+ membership cards for paid NAS members going out with next Flyways. List of discount offers on back of card.

Treasury: Approved making 1/4-1/3 of investment portfolio "green" pending 5/3rd Bank investment broker's advice. Consolidated account created at 5/3rd. Interest from investments to go to operations.

Education programs: Approved joint venture with CNC&P for Bunche Beach wading trips with \$200 seed money for equipment purchase if proposal approved by CHNEP. Kelly to submit application for CH-NEP funding. ASWF to provide birder for each event.

Conservation report: Approved Everglades Coalition 2009 conference sponsorship for \$250. Authorized Brad Cornell (AoF/Collier Audubon) to represent chapter on mining and wetlands issues. Agreed to participate in Regional Conservation Committee meeting 9/13 at Clewiston Museum at 9 am.

Requested suggestions for Century Commission Water Policy Congress to Pete.

Cape Coral Spreader Canal negotiations update by Tony.

CERP /US sugar buy-out update by Pete.

Field trips: Approved requesting suggested donation of \$5 for members, \$10 for non members for field trip participation.

Wading trips to be posted to web calendar and announced in Flyway if approved.

Programs: Cynthia Barnett eco'b'fast 10/23: no report from Connie. Deposit made at Riverside Center. Will make presentation of check for Cornell Birding course scholarship.

Mark Renz scheduled speaker for Oct. at Rutenberg. Dan needs spread sheet of future speake.

DanT to explore with Rebecca spring program at FGCU

Web report: Calendar posts -suggestions to Mari via info@AudubonSWFL.org

Birdathon: Rebecca to contact Brent to check on progress.

PR/Flyways:

Next Flyways: in final draft. To membership early Sept

Rebecca and Gerri to coordinate non-mail Flyways distribution

Ginny Cooper announces resignation from board. Thanked for service.

New Business:.

Will discuss in Sept. public outreach - advertise, participate in large festival, focus on service to current membership?.

Approved Chris Andrews as Audubon SWFL representative on AoF board for second term..

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Program: No program.