

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Board of Directors Meeting
August 15, 2013
Calusa Nature Center, Fort Myers, FL

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order - The Board of Directors meeting of August 15, 2013, was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Carl Veaux. Board members present were Virginia Buford, Jim Rodenfels, Melinda Averhart, Cheryl Black, Brenda Brooks, Brad Cornell, and Dawn Forbes. Guests were Vince McGrath and Daniel Cawlfild.

The agenda was reviewed with no changes noted. Carl requested anyone unable to attend a board meeting to be sure to e-mail him in advance.

2. Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting (June 20, 2013) were reviewed and a motion to approve them was made (Brooks), seconded (Veaux), and unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was reviewed and a motion to approve it was made (Brooks), seconded (Forbes), and unanimously approved.

4a. Conservation – There will be a Regional Conservation meeting this Sunday, August 25th, from 1 to 4 pm at the Calusa Nature Center. The 20/20 program appears to be under the knife due to budget shortfalls, and Florida Forever is still important per the Secretary of State.

4b. Education – It was noted to remind FGCU of the scholarship requirement for the recipient to attend the upcoming Environmental Breakfast.

4c. Field Trip – Vince McGrath will lead Hawk Watch on October 20, and Bunche Beach on 01/19/2014. Working on an Everglades trip and the Dogett Kayak excursion. Kayak with the Manatees and Ding Darling Bike are in place for January and February.

4d. Programs – Cheryl Black will do a program, and it was suggested to ask Joe Mule to speak on oil and gas drilling in SW Florida.

4e. Publicity – An excellent notice (with picture) was in the News-Press promoting tonight's program

5. National and State Audubon Updates – The Florida Audubon Assembly, held October 25 – 26, will feature volunteer programs

6. Old Business – none

7. New Business – The 2013/2014 Budget prepared by the Budget Committee was reviewed and a motion to approve it was made (Burford), seconded (Brooks), and unanimously approved. Payments were authorized for a \$250 sponsorship of the Everglades Coalition Conference and a \$800 payment to Roxann Barber for the Shorebird Stewardship. The “Save the Date” flyer for the Environmental Breakfast was reviewed and noted the Ellen Peterson Award should be addressed. It was noted Ray Judah has joined the Conservancy.

8. Adjournment and Next Meeting - A motion was made (Cornell), seconded (Burford), and unanimously approved to adjourn. The next meeting is September 19, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the board room at the Calusa Nature Center. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

The evening's program on "Plight of the Bees" by Paul Shannon followed.

prepared by:

Jim Rodenfels
as Acting Secretary