

**Audubon SW Florida BoD Meeting Minutes November 16, 2006**  
**Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

Meeting opened 7:00 PM.. Present were Pete Q.(chair), Gerri Reaves, Paul Dube, Dan Van Norman, Kathie, Christian, Vince, Maria, Carl, & Terri and Jeff Williams

The meeting opened with a power point presentation by Paul Holmes President of Peace River Audubon (Charlotte County) – Birding with Audubon – a slide show he created to educate the layman & get new members. He will help us make one for us for donation to P/R Audubon. and expenses. Motion to proceed approved

Membership Chair: Maria We have 2174 names on distribution lists.  
Maria explained that Access program would make managing the membership list easier.  
Motion to purchase Access software approved

The membership of Bonita Springs is still an issue –as well as Lehigh and FGCU.

Treasury: Kathie

Received \$95 & 25 in donations last month  
Need to get annual financial report in for NAS and complete audit for 2006  
\$5714.59 in checking and \$112,963.88 in investment. Motion to approve passed

Education: Charlotte County has new Master Naturalist course. Motion to approve 2nd grant for Corkscrew docent approved

Carl explained endowment package for FGCU scholarship. For matching funds – need \$100,000 (for endowment) . Motion to approve full academic but not room and board scholarship one time basis approved. Applicant or family to be with member of Audubon. Use funds, \$5000, from Charles Foster fund. Carl & Terri will work on options.

American Ground Waters Institute: Co Host on water issues. One scholarship for Terri to go. We get to help pick the issues for teachers to learn about. Motion to support approved.

Field Trips: Dan

Dinner Island – went well  
Work with Paul and Chris Andrews to work on the presentation. – Need pictures of field trips.

Programs: Sharon to move from Conservation to chair Programs. PQ will chair Conservation  
Going to have programs all over the county

Pot luck dinner: Dec. 6th Wednesday at Iona house.

Birdathon: March 24th – Iona House start social @ six. Catered but have people bring desserts.

Conservation: Motion to support of study of mining within the DRGR: Passed

Vince planning to do Burrowing festival & bird patrol (February & March)

Motion to support 40th anniversary of Estero Bay Dec. 8th with Tickets for Sharon and Chris (\$50/piece) - approved

Nominations: Sally Macpherson willing to be VP / Pete wants Conservation chair.

Motion approved making Past Presidents interested Emeritus Board members.

Annual meeting – Will be in Delta Lady Mar 7, 2007. after optional dinner cruise. Meeting free and at dock upon return.

Coal Plant policy: Audubon does not yet have policy on coal plants. Discussion of Proposed Glades plant.

Newsletter: Vince

Still looking for some to coordinate publishing. Deadline for submissions: Nov. 26th / Dec. 26th / Jan 18th

Pete suggested getting Vince to collaborate with getting Audubon into the Audubon Bird Count.  
Board discussed.

Regional Conservation meeting: Jan 13th at the Delta Lady (we're hosting). 7:30 - 8:30 to the rookery & back. Want to come up with new name that reflects the region.

Motion to adjourn – passed

Submitted by

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