

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

Board of Directors Meeting

January 21, 2016

Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Treasurer President Wayne Daltry. Board members present were Melinda Averhart, Cheryl Black, Jim Rodenfels, Teddy Rodenfels, Brad Cornell, Gerri Reaves, Jayne Johnston, and past presidents Pete Quasius and Carl Veaux.
2. Minutes – A correction to the December 17, 2015 meeting minutes was made. A motion for approval of the corrected minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer’s Report (Jim) – A motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. The Chapter received \$1535 from the National Society. The following expenditures were presented to the board and unanimously approved:
 - a. \$225 – Postmaster
 - b. \$1000 – FGCU Environmental Student Scholarship
 - c. \$50 - Wings Over Water Sponsorship
 - d. \$29.37 for fasteners for the shorebird project
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership – Dawn Forbes resigned as Chair of the Membership Committee due to time constraints.
 - B. Conservation and Advocacy (Brad)
 - a. Improvements to the Forestry Service Management Plan for Babcock Ranch are being investigated.
 - b. An update on the new roof for the Harborside Convention Center is needed to determine if it will be suitable for the nesting shorebirds that use it.
 - c. There will be a Facebook site for shorebird stewarding. Dates for walks and ID training to be held during the winter will be posted.
 - C. Education (Teddy) – A check to support the FGCU Environmental Scholarship will be sent to the University.

- D. Field Trips (Jim) – The December field trip to Four Mile Cove was well attended. Biking through Ding Darling and paddling with manatees are on the calendar. The field trip schedule is posted on the website.
- E. Programs (Melinda) – The list of the speakers and programs through April, 2016 is posted on the website.
- F. Publicity Report (Carl) – The photo contest has been announced in the News Press.
- G. Old Business
 - a. The 2016 photo contest is now open. Details and entry information for the 2016 Photo Contest is posted on the website and was included in the annual newsletter.
- H. New Business –
 - a. The Chapter will have a booth at the Koreshan Earth Day Festival on March 26.
 - b. Locating and hanging the Chapter banner outside the Masonic Temple parking lot was suggested to make the meeting site easier to find.
- I. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 and was followed by a program on controlled burns presented by the Forestry Service. The next meeting at the Masonic Temple will be February 18, 2016 at 6:00, followed by a presentation by Cheryl Black on dragonflies.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Black