

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2011
Iona House, Calusa Nature Center, Fort Myers, FL

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Call to Order - The Board of Directors meeting of January 20, 2011, was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Wayne Daltry. Board members present were Jim Rodenfels, Brad Cornell, Carl Veaux, Toby Clark, Mari Hanley, Sarah Larsen, Peter Quasius, and Maria Quasius. Guests included Dan Van Norman of SWFWRC, program presenter Lisa Beever, and representatives from FGCU - Lindsay Castret, April Olsen, Megan Lauer.
2. Agenda - The agenda was reviewed with no changes noted.
3. Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting (November 18, 2010) were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report was reviewed and a motion to approve it was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.
5. Membership Report - There was no membership report to review. The membership chairperson has been ill. An effort will ensue to reactivate this important function.
6. Conservation and Advocacy Report – Discussed and approved a letter of support directed to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding their study of the environmental impact of mines in Collier and Lee counties.
7. Outreach and Education Report – Carl discussed our continuing support of the acquisition of the Edison Farms parcel and a letter of support was approved to go to 20/20. A motion to approve a \$300 pledge did not carry for lack of a second. Carl encouraged participation and support at the January 24th Cape Coral City Council meeting for the Eagle Setback Ordinance.
8. Field Trip and Education Report – Sarah discussed 'Birding for Families' to be held February 19, 2011 on Bunche Beach which she has planned and organized.
9. Programs Report – The next program will be Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge by Ding Darling Biologist Tara Wertz at 7:00 pm on February 17th.
10. Fairs and Festivals Report – The Cape Coral Burrowing Owl festival is on Saturday, February 26th at the Rotary Park Environmental Center.
11. Old Business – reviewed our need to fill vacant positions. Nominations are being accepted for election at the Annual Meeting which will be on Saturday, April 9th. Nominating forms for Conservationist of the Year are being accepted. Sarah has the ASWF Facebook page up and running and it is cross-linked with Constant Contact.
12. New Business - A motion was made, seconded, and approved to be a \$100 Swamp Cabbage Cruise sponsor of the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association (CRCA).

ASWF's Annual Meeting will be on April 9, 2011. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to renew our postal permit (\$185) and to set aside approximately \$1,000 for producing and mailing the Notice of Annual Meeting. National Audubon will be holding their Annual Meeting in Naples.

Dan Van Norman presented a discussion of the SWFWRC conference of November 19th which was co-hosted by ASWF. Our share of the profit will be issued with the condition that it will be used for the purpose of reimbursement for American Water Resources Association (AWRA) events.

13. Calendar of Events –

14. Adjournment and Next Meeting - A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn. The next meeting is February 17, 2011, at the Iona House, Calusa Nature Center. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The evening's program on climate change and response by Dr. Lisa Beever of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program followed.

prepared by:

Jim Rodenfels
as Acting Secretary