

Approved
Audubon of SW Florida
Board of Directors' Meeting
7/18/ 2011

CALUSA NATURE CENTER AND PLANETARIUM
3305 Ortiz Ave , Ft. Myers.

Met in planetarium.

Meeting called to order by VP President Jennifer McWhinnie at 6:10 pm.

1. Board Members Present: Maria, Pete, Brad, Carl, Jen, Tara, Jim. Sarah via phone
2. Approved: Meeting minutes of June 20th board meeting . Posted to website
3. Approved: Treasurer's report . IRS Financial data posted to website.
4. Accepted: membership report: one new chapter member, NAS membership continues to decline. Sarah appealed for questions for survey of membership interests and wants.
5. Committee Assignments: Wayne has stepped down from field trip chair. Jim to assume responsibilities. Lindsay giving up program chair – Tara to assume responsibilities with help from Pete, Jim and Sarah.
6. Field Trip: Fort Myers Urban birding with Rodger Clarke July 15th attracted 15 participants but not many purple martins showed up. . Rodger/Jim will organize another event if/when migration happens.

Next event: Jim to contact Vince McGrath re: annual hawk watch at Sanibel Lighthouse.

7. Conservation: Letters signed onto and calls made in support of Clean water Act and exotics control legislation. . 20/20 program appears to be undergoing reorganization. Carl will keep board informed.

Brad express concern over destruction of shore bird nesting markers and dogs on beach killing birds. Expressed need for more monitors - needs volunteer monitors for a day or whole season. Will attempt to attract FGCU students in need of community service hours. Brad to prepare appeal for Facebook page.

Sarah reported progress on establishing a red cockaded woodpecker citizen science monitoring program at Babcock Ranch Preserve. Group will help map nest tree locations. Probably annual event in cool weather. Feb-April.

Mari Dalty will be leaving her position with Florida Sierra. Position will be filled. Farewell dinner July 28th. Carl to provide details.

8. Fairs/conferences and Festivals: to be discussed at planning meeting Aug. 6th at Jim and Teddy's.

Tara reported Riverside Center available for Eco-Breakfast in Oct. Agree to invite Tom Swihart to keynote, (ACTION: PQ) Swihart will also speak at ASWF co-sponsored AWRA conference at FGCU Naples campus in November. Possible scholarship opportunity. Update: Swihart has accepted and Riverside Community Center booked for Oct. 27th.

9. Xmas party: Agreed to try to organize NGO holiday mixer on Capt. JP dinner boat on Caloosahatchee with other environmental groups. Action: Jen/PQ

10. Old Business: none

10. New Business:

Possible meeting places: Will explore using Calusa Nature Center board room for business meetings and hold programs in Planetarium. Pending approval new CNC&P interim director.

Endorsed/approved: Sarah Larsen's application for seat on National Audubon Board of Directors.
Brad/Pete/Sarah expressed interest in July 19 webinar with NAS CEO.
12 : Next meetings : Strategic Planning: Saturday, Aug. 6th, 5pm, at Rodenfels'.
Board meeting: Monday , Aug. 15th, 6pm, at Calusa Nature Center.
13. Adjourned: 7:18
Prepared by Pete Quasius, Secretary