

Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.

**Board of Directors Meeting
June 19, 2008 - 6PM
Eco Living Center
Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

Present: Chair: Carol Newcomb Jones. Gerri Reaves, Mari Henley, Tony Miller, Carl Veaux, Dan VanNorman, Dan Tudor, Fran Williams.

May minutes approved as posted to web.

Membership: nothing new to report

Treasurer's report: Tony questioned why we are carrying some insurance coverage that may not be necessary. He will let us know what he finds out.

Education programs:

Approving a \$500.00 (\$250 Upland & \$250 Wetland Module) scholarship for Kelly Williamson's FL Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) program fee was tabled.

Conservation report: Cape Spreader Canal update – Reported that there was a meeting on June 19th.

Babcock update - new trail opened at Babcock Ranch Preserve called "Footprints Trail. Carl reported that on July 29th the Babcock Ranch Preserve Comp. Management Plan will go before the Gov.'s Committee for approval.

Field trips:

Programs/Festival participation: Dan gave check to Treasurer for Little Estero Island field trip.

Eco'breakfast – reported that Pete received a check for \$500 from Kitson & Partners

CCN&P fund raiser – support – Pete and Carol both attended the Spring Fling and represented ASWF.

Web report:

Calendar posts -suggestions to Mari via info@AudubonSWFL.org. Mari questioned why Sunset Cruises is posted on the website calendar. No one knew why.

PR/Flyways:

Audubon SWFL logo'd shirts available for \$30, hoodies for \$35, T's for \$16 contact PQ. – nothing to report

Next Flyways: Aug – scholarship/education focus – Gerri asked folks to submit things for the newsletter. Carol said she would write something about the Governor's Climate Change Summit that she will attend June 25-26.

Membership card update – nothing to report

New Business:

General consensus that BOD does not want their personal info going to NAS.

Annual Report submitted except for 990. Tony said we have a 90 day extension to file the proper report, which he will do.

Motion made and approved that this year's Annual Meeting will coincide with the January 9, 2009 Mangrove Gathering at the Eco Center that ASWF will be already co-hosting that evening. We can make this a very festive and fun evening – first with a BOD meeting and then followed by the Mangrove Gathering. One suggestion was made that attendees could come dressed as birds and there would be prizes given out for best bird outfit. This date has been given to Gulfshore Life to post in their magazine. Deadline for giving them dates is today, June 20th.

Adjourn: 7:00 PM

Program 7 PM: Frog Watch by John Cassani - very interesting but sad that frog populations are in such great decline.

Happy Summer Solstice!