Audubon of Southwest Florida
Monday, June 20, 2011
Calusa Nature Center
Iona House
3450 Ortiz Avenue
Fort Myers, FL

1. Called to Order by VP Jennifer at 6:02 pm
2. Attendance: Maria, Pete, Brad, Wayne, Jim, Sarah via phone, Tara Caruso
3. Minutes of April 28, 2011: Approved
4. President's Report: Board meetings will be on 3rd Monday of month at Iona House, Calusa Nature Center at 6:00 pm.
5. Vice President Jennifer recapped Invasive Species Workshop, Washington, DC she attended. Will prepare report for Flyways. Reimbursement for $75 registration approved.
6. Treasurer's Report
a. April 2011 - approved
b. May 2011 - approved
c. Florida Charitable Solicitation registration due 07/16/2011- under preparation
d. $1100 from bird-a-thon for scholarships received.
e. $1000 from Florida Audubon for shore bird monitoring received. Brad to administer grant, prepare "thank you" letter, do article Flyways, provide program announcement for Facebook.
f. Approved disbursement of funds for FGCU AWRA student chapter board member attendance at Tallahassee AWRA conference. $423.
g. Approved payment of 2011 dues to Everglades Coalition. $25
h. Education Committee recommended and board approved Wayne's request for $300 for scholarships for Calusa Nature Center summer day camp.
7. Membership Report: 94 chapter-only members -up, 9, 1600 NAS members and falling, 300 have not renewed, email outreach to lapsed members underway.
8. Committee Chairs and members approved:
a. Auditing: Jim Rodenfels (Chair), Wayne Daltry, Toby Clark
b. Conservation: Brad Cornell (Chair), Sarah Larsen, Pete Quasius, Carl Veaux
c. Education: Sarah Larsen (Chair), Jennifer McWhinnie, Carl Veaux
d. Field Trip: Wayne Daltry (Chair), Jim Rodenfels, Lindsay Castret
e. Membership: Teddy Rodenfels (Chair)
f. Program: Lindsay Castret (Chair), Jim Rodenfels
g. Publications / Publicity: Jennifer McWhinnie (Chair), Teddy Rodenfels
h. Eco-B'fast: Tara Caruso (chair), Pete Quasius, Carol Newcomb Jones
i. Bird-a-thon: ?
9. Budget for 2011/2012: approved with understanding new committee chairs will be submitting amendments.
10. Audit Report – 2010/11 books reviewed by Wayne and Toby and certified correct. Accepted.
11. Letter supporting Ft. Myers Centennial Park Expansion approved. Wayne to draft for Sarah.
12. Sponsorship of Florida AWRA Nov. 2011 Water Conference approved not to exceed $250. Jim to send letter to conference organizer Dr. Don Duke, FGCU.
13. National Audubon Society Chapter Leader Report 2011 : Jim to complete.
14. Update on Shore Bird Steward Program – Brad Cornell. $1000 grant received, programs .every weekend, will prepare announcement for July 4th weekend program for Facebook and for Jennifer to

use at FGCU.
15. Social Register Form for Gulfshore Life Magazine to be submitted by Jennifer.
16. Urban Bird Program Survey: Brad to prepare.
17. Update on Ceitus Barrier: Wayne
a. ASWF was a signer on 2008 petition with funding NTE $1000- not yet expended
b. Approved ASWF sign on as petitioner on permit denial administrative appeal.
18. Program Chair to evaluate utility of Constant Contact – $30+ a month.
19. AoF.membership questionnaire – Maria prepared, will forward to Sarah.
20. Expression of appreciation for preparation of ASWF Inventory to Lindsay. Copy of inventory to Jim who will add office equipment.
21. Jim reviewed Insurance Options – recommended no action.
22. Ghost Bird Video Promotion -tabled
23. NGO Holiday Cruise - tabled
24. Environmental Breakfast: Approved having 2011 event. Tara to chair. Help to come from past organizers. Need to contact Rae Ann Wessel re: co-sponsorship by SCCF or SEESWF. Consider making it a "for fee" event. Wayne to provide records from 2011 event.
25. Web Email addresses will be set up for new committee chairs/members: Pete to arrange.
a. info@audubonswfl.org - President
b. edu@audubonswfl.org -
c. members@audubonswfl.org
d. audubon.southwest.florida@gmail.com is for membership outreach and data base compiling.
26. Teddy to contact past presidents to determine continued or new renewed interest in BOD membership. Requires current chapter/NAS membership.
27. Membership Survey – poor response. Sarah to resend
28. Strategic Planning Meeting – Rodenfels' to host, Saturday, August 6, 2:00-5:00 PM
29. ASWF letters sent
a. Permit Application SAJ-2011-01101 - Lee Preservation Lands Mitigation Bank
b. Smokehouse Bay Preserve
30. Future Events
a. Ft. Myers Urban Birding/Purple Martins, July 15th, Wayne to prepare announcement
b. Audubon Assembly, October 14-15, 2011 – Lake Mary, FL – determine if BOD member interested. Chapter to pay registration but not lodging or travel.
c. Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival: Nov. 19, No ASWF stand alone exhibit.
d. Audubon Academy, March 16-18, 2012 – Clewiston, FL: Chapter to support registration fees for BOD members.
e. Big "O" Birding Festival, March 28-31, 2012 – Sponsorship of $100 approved
31. New Business: Approved Tara Cacuso's membership on BOD. Term to next annual meeting .
32. Next Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2011 – 6:00 PM Calusa Nature Center Planetarium
33. Adjourned: 7:32 PM