

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.
Annual Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
March 20th, 2010
Eco Living Center, Ft. Myers

Chair: President Carol Newcomb-Jones

Board members present: Rebecca, Maria, Pete, Mari, Conny, Gerri, Elsbeth, Wayne Daltry; pppresident Rodger Clark; past BoD member Dan Van Norman; members and guests

Call to order: 7 Pm

Minutes of Feb. BOD meeting as posted to website approved.

Birdathon Report: Winning team was Lee County Bird Patrol with 87 species. Good time, good food, had by all. Thanks Toby.

Membership Report : Current NAS/ASWF members - 1740. Chapter-only memberships now number over 124. Thanks Maria who is stepping down after four years as membership coordinator.

Approved chapter membership fees for 2010:

\$15: Annual Student/Teacher

School/College/University:

\$15: Annual Senior Rate (over 65)

\$20: Annual Standard Individual Chapter Membership

\$30 Annual "Household" membership - one mailing, one vote

\$100: One Year Organizational Membership/ or additional donation

\$1000: Lifetime Membership in Audubon of Southwest Florida.

Annual Financial Report: Checking account - \$1171, investment account \$77,898 - up slightly last quarter. Over \$3000 in chapter-only dues and donations received since Jan. New committee chairs asked to prepare budget requests for FY starting June 1st. Report accepted and details provided incoming president.

Education Programs Report : Environmental B'fast co-sponsored with SCCF drew some 200 participants to hear Del Jones on solar energy. \$2000 FGCU scholarship awarded in 2009 to engineering student Jason Almcrantz. ASWF became founding sponsor of Eco-Voice, Inc.

Report from RCC/Audubon of Florida: Negotiations underway on memorandum of understanding for support services and revenue sharing between Florida Audubon, chapters and National Audubon Society.

Conservation Report: Chapter supported efforts on Everglades Restoration and planning, Picayune Stand restoration, planning for DRGR, wetlands preservation, Cape Coral spreader canal discussions, county land acquisitions and energy conservation programs. PPresident John Cassani given Kabler award for conservation work at Everglades Coalition conference in Jan. Rhonda Rroff, H/G Audubon/SING, awarded ASWF 2009 Conservationist of the

year award.

Field trips: Summer event with Purple Martin Society last year great success and will have follow-up on July 9th, coordinated by PPresident Rodger Clark and Gerri Reaves. Sanibel Hawk Watch with PPresident Vince McGrath was highlite of the birding season.

Programs Report : Charlie Ewell, Lee County Bird Patrol, spoke at Annual meeting. Thank you Mari for season of interesting speakers.

Fairs, festivals 2009 : Chapter (actually Conny) mounted displays at Burrowing Owl festival, Ding Darling Days and Earthday at Koreshan State park. Chapter had good showing at RRR Run at Caloosahatchee Regional Park. Thanks Conny, Mari, Maria, Gerri, Dan

Web report: some 110,000 hits to the ASWF website in 2009 with an all time high of 16k plus hits this January. Eco-Voice.org carries all ASWF programs and events.

Flyways Report: Six editions produced, posted to website and distributed. Thank you Kelly and Gerri.

Out going President Carol Newcomb Jones' comments. We had a good year with a full array of trips and programs. ASWF has a long history of environmental action in Lee County going back to the 1970's. Some folks from back then still involved with chapter.

No comments from members.

Elected Directors and officers for 2010/11:

President: Wayne Daltry

Vice President: *vacant*

2nd VP/Treasurer: Rebecca Austin -term expires 2011|

Secretary/Electronic Communications: *Pete Quasius acting pending volunteer*

Education: Carl Veaux

Programs: Mari Hanley - term expires 2011

Newsletter: Maria Quasius

Festivals: Conny Spurfeld - term expires 2011

Conservation: Brad Cornell, Pete Quasius, Sarah Larsen

Membership: Elsbeth McCulloch

Birdathon: Toby Clark

Members Emeritus - eligible by virtue of previous service and expressed interest -

Frank Pirog, Past Presidents: Bill Hammond, Connie Jarvis, Don Doggett, John Cassani, Mary Lee Mann, Rodger Clark, Vince McGrath, Carol Newcomb-Jones

Remarks by incoming President Wayne Daltry: Wayne hopes to focus on NGO coalition building, having chapter think wisely and act smart, building the chapter's educational activities and youth oriented programs, and "having good clean fun".

Business meeting adjourned at 8:05

Program: Lee County Bird Patrol - by Charlie Ewell

Next Board meeting 6pm April 15th at Eco Living Center