

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

Board of Directors Meeting

November 17, 2016

Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Dan VanNorman. Board members present were Jim Rodenfels, Cheryl Black, Gerri Reaves, Jayne Johnston, Carol Newcomb, Melinda Averhart, and past president Carl Veaux.
2. Treasurer’s Report - Jim Rodenfels
 - A. The Treasurer’s Report was unanimously approved .
 - B. Jim reported a 67% increase in profits from the Environmental Breakfast.
 - C. A motion was made and unanimously approved to pay dues to Ecovoice
3. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership (Jayne) –
 - a. The Chapter has two new members at the Environmental Breakfast
 - b. Everyone was reminded the dues to the National Audubon Society do NOT include membership in local chapters. This information was published in the latest newsletter.
 - B. Conservation and Advocacy (Brad)
 - a. The Conservation 20-20 referendum was passed.
 - b. Florida Fish and Wildlife approved the designation of the new Critical Wildlife areas.
 - C. Education (Teddy) – Melinda and Jayne will be starting a bird club at Veterans’ Park Academy in Lehigh Acres.
 - D. Field Trips (Jim) –
 - a. Lakes Park Bird Patrol field trip was well attended
 - b. There will be a trip to Wild Turkey Strand on Saturday, Nov. 16
 - E. Programs (Melinda) – The program schedule for 2016 – 2017 is being developed.
 - F. Publicity Report (Carol)
 - a. Setting up Twitter and Instagram accounts was discussed
 - b. Upcoming programs will be posted on the Chapter Facebook page
4. National & State – Courtney and Melinda Averhart attended the State Audubon Assembly
5. Old Business – Jim presented a wrap-up of the successful Environmental Breakfast.

6. New Business – A conference on Estero Resilience and Adaptation will be held at FGCU.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 and was followed by a program on wood storks.. The next Board meeting will be held at 6:00 on Thursday, December 15, followed by a program on shorebirds.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Black