

**Minutes**  
**Audubon of Southwest Florida**  
October 17, 2011  
Calusa Nature Center & **Planetarium**  
3450 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers, FL

Called to order 6 pm

Present: Sarah Larsen (chair), Jim, Brad, Pete, Tara , Toby

Minutes from previous meetings, membership and treasurers reports received and approved. Jim authorized to pay outstanding bills. Working on annual reports.

Sarah report disappointment in lack of young people at Audubon Assembly, October 14-15, 2011 – Lake Mary, FL at which she represented chapter.

Audubon 2012 Conservation Agenda approved at Assembly and posted to ASWF website.

Jim provided details and flyer of Jan. 12 program at Shell Point with Woodcarver Robert Huelsebush.

Details set for:

1. Bird Photography, October 22, 2011 – Lakes Regional Park – sold out
2. Hawk Watch with Vince McGrath, October 23, 2011 – Sanibel

Tara reported all details finalized for Eco-Bfast Oct. 27. Over hundred RSVPs - tribute to life of Ellen Peterson to be included. Keynote speaker Tom Swihart confirmed. Financing adequate thanks to FGCU student group.

Sarah suggested annual conservation award be named in honor of Ellen Peterson. Motion made and approved instead to add another annual award honoring Peterson's memory to be awarded to a young person making mark in environmental community.

Sarah announced Education committee had approved scholarship to be awarded at E'bast to Gabreil Kamener. \$2000 grant approved.

adjourned 6:35 pm