

**Draft Minutes**  
**Audubon of Southwest Florida**  
**Monday, September 19, 2011 – 6:00 PM**  
**Calusa Nature Center & Planetarium**  
**3450 Ortiz Avenue, Fort Myers, FL**

Call to Order: 6:12 pm

Attendance, Sarah – (chair), Jen, Pete, Maria, Toby, Brad, Jim. Excused Teddy, Carl, Tara. Guest.  
Calusa Nature Center Director – Bob Soter

Agenda – Addition – annual report, calendar added to new business

Minutes of August 15, 2011 approved. Posted to website

**President's Report**

Babcock RCW Monitoring – citizens' science to start early 2012. Sarah to organize program on red cockaded woodpeckers. Jerry Jackson suggested.

Sarah to organize movie night for "The Big Year" movie on birdwatchers - Oct?

**Treasurer's Report**

August 2011 - \$400 of \$1000 donations received. .

Investment account has bounced back. Report approved

Membership Report – 99 chapter only members, NAS membership down to 1420. Jen to add Gmail membership emails to constant contact data base.

**Committee Updates**

Conservation: Brad Cornell – 1) SWF 2012 conservation priorities to add water policy and concerns about rock and phosphate mining to proposed draft. 2) Brad to attend Audubon of Florida Assembly, maybe Sarah. 3) Lee DRGR mining suit supported by CCAS going to Administrative judge. 4) Luncheon for shore bird monitors planned for late Oct. Grant report done, Jim needs copy for records.

Education: Sarah Larsen – committee will review scholarship application after BOD meeting.

Field Trip: Jim Rodenfels (Chair) Oct. 22 photo class/trip full.

Program: Tara Caruso – 1) Eco-breakfast. Oct. 27. \$1000 raised, speaker and program confirmed, mugs ordered, Tara to ask Carol Newcomb Jones to help coordinate caterer, snail mail invites tomorrow. B'fly Estates to donate ticket to butterfly house to each participant. In kind sponsorship. 2) Jan. 16 program on bird wood carvings. Artist to display at b'fast.

Membership: Teddy Rodenfels – no report

Publications / Publicity: Jennifer McWhinnie. 1) Newsletter posted to electronic outlets. Not emailed to membership. Jen/Teddy to work out single email outreach list. 2) Investigating possible Holiday evening cruise early Dec.

#### Upcoming Events

Bird Photography, October 22, 2011 – Lakes Regional Park – full

Hawk Watch, October 23, 2011 – Sanibel

ASWF Environmental Breakfast, October 27, 2011– Fort Myers

Audubon Assembly, October 14-15, 2011 – Lake Mary, FL

#### New Business

Meeting location – Pete reported Bay Oaks on Ft. Myers Beach not satisfactory meeting location.

Jim to work with Sarah on annual report. Due Dec. 31, but early filing results in early NAS membership payment.

Toby to investigate program by photographer interested in contributing photos to ASwF calendar.

Discussion of having board and program meetings on different days. CNC&P asked if BOD meeting can be held here 2011/12

Next Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2011 – 6:00 PM

Adjourned 7:00PM