

**Audubon of Southwest Florida
Board of Directors**

Monday, August 15, 2011
Calusa Nature Center
Board Room
3450 Ortiz Avenue
Fort Myers, FL

1. Call to Order: VP Jen McWhinnie, chair at 6:03 pm
2. Attendance: Sarah by phone. Tara, Jim, Carl, Brad, Maria, Pete. Excused absence: Teddy.
Carl announced he will be out of town for Sept. and Oct. meetings.
3. Minutes of July 18, 2011 board meeting approved with excused absence for Teddy due to work conflict noted.
4. President's Report
 - A. Recap Chapter Leader Orientation Webinar
 - B. Recap National Audubon Strategic Plan
Strategic plan update <http://bit.ly/DYchapterwebexreplay>
Planning Summary <http://bit.ly/stratplansummary>
Presentation: <http://bit.ly/davidyarnoldchapterslides>
 - C. Recap ASWF Strategic Planning Session
5. Treasurer's Report presented - approved payments: shorebird monitoring coordinator and supplies, fee for EcoB'fast site.
6. Membership Report:
 - A. increase of 35 national members, 2 chapter only members.
 - B. membership appeal letters to 300 plus lapsed NAS members being prepared.
 - C. guest noted online membership payment system not functioning properly. Jim to check.Chapter email list now has 371 names.
7. Committee Updates
 - A. Conservation: Brad
Florida Conservation Action - 2010 and 2011 plan posted on website advocacy page

1. Conservation Priorities - in draft. Brad will organize teleconference for discussion/approval prior to Audubon Assembly in October.

2. Boat lift update- Lee BOCC approved moving forward with appeal of DEP's denial of Cape Coral permit to replace spreader canal barrier. Carl and Pete spoke at hearing in support of funding the appeal.

3. Carl suggested discussion of proposed transfer of Lee park lands to 20/20 to provide maintenance funding.

4. Sarah to provide background on gopher tortoise relocation at FGCU south entrance.

5. Carl expressed concerns about proposed high expansion and construction near FGCU

B. Education: Sarah Larsen (Chair), Tara has joined committee.

1. Review of scholarship offerings underway.

2. Edison scholarship candidate Gabreil Kamener introduced himself and provided some background on interests and plans.

c. Field Trips: Jim Rodenfels (Chair)

Field trip Committee has prepared mission statement

Turtle hatching event attracted over 60:.

Wildlife photograph trip for Oct. 22, at Lakes Park

Hawk Watch scheduled for Oct. 27th - flyers being distributed.

NAMC - fall migration count Set 17th – Ewell with Bird Patrol the Lee Coordinator.

Field trip committee to meet immediately following board meetings.

d. Programs: Tara Caruso (Chair),

Bird carving program for Jan.

Tara working on programs related to field trips.

e. Publications / Publicity: Jennifer McWhinnie (Chair),

Newswire article deadline August 29

Flyways newsletter :

Deadline for submissions COB Aug. 26th.

Features: turtle hatching -Jim to provide photos, Eco-B' fast, Hawkwatch announcements.

8. Environmental Breakfast Oct. 27th Update – Tara .

Contract for venue -Riverside Community Center -prepared

Appeal letters to previous sponsors sent. Circulate list for additional suggestions

Awaiting response from caterer. Contact: Carol Newcombe Jones

Tara to reconfirm details with keynote speaker - Tom Swihart.

Letters of invitation to elected officials should go out soon.

9. **Old business** Follow-up

a. Social Register Form for Gulfshore Life Magazine – Jennifer completed

b. Urban Bird Program Survey - Brad working on it.

c. NGO Holiday Cruise – Jennifer - tabled

10. Recently sent letters :

a. Everglades Coalition letter to SFWMD regarding water reservation rulemaking

b. Everglades Coalition resolution opposing legislative attempts to weaken the Clean Water Act

c. Everglades Coalition resolution regarding additional Collier I-75 interchange

d. Everglades Coalition letter to FDEP regarding the Conceptual Framework for Nutrient Standards

e. Scope NAS Numeric Nutrient Review Letter

11. Upcoming Events

a. Hawk Watch, October 23, 2011 – Sanibel

b. Audubon of Southwest Florida Environmental Breakfast, October 27, 2011– Fort Myers

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

d. **Great Outdoor Adventure Day, October 29, 2011 – Lover's Key.**

Sarah to query membership if anyone interested in coordinating table top display at events, fairs and festivals. Display materials at Lindsay's.

e. **AWRA conference Nov. FGCU Naples conference**

12. New Business

a. Meeting location: Pete and Brad to explore meeting and program space on Fort Myers Beach.

13. Next Board of Director's Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011 – 6:00 PM

a. Calusa Nature Center boardroom confirmed for meetings for the third Monday of month through November

14. adjourned 7:05

Submitted for comment, corrections, and additions.

Pete Quasius
Secretary
Audubon fo Southwest Florida