

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)
October 17, 2024 at 5:15 pm on Zoom

Call to Order 5:31 PM

Attendance (those attending in bold)

Gerri Reaves (P) **Brad Cornell** Vince McGrath (PP)

Dan VanNorman (VP) **Robin Serne** Pete Quasius (PP)

Jim Rodenfels (T) Julie Motkowicz

Guests: Lona Philpot

Minutes of September 26, 2024 meeting approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim: see emailed report.

- \$50 for Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife membership approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Robin & Brad/LEICWA: Hurricane Milton storm surge damage.
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship. Bunche Beach on Sunday.
- Dan/EvCo: Annual Conference, Jan. 30-Feb. 1. Quarterly meeting this month.
- Gerri/glass collisions; SF&W Working Group updates, Multi-Sector Partnership to Address Light Pollution and Bird Collisions, fall migration glass and communication tower casualties.

Membership/Jim: See emailed report, steady numbers.

Field Trips/Jim: See emailed report.

- Hawk Watch cancelled due to Hurricane Milton.
- Trip to Powell Creek Preserve on September 21 completed
- Remainder of 2024 & 2025 planned
- Birding the Estates with Vince McGrath, a "private" event on Saturday, November 16

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters): Items for next Gmail blast due by October 25; website updates.

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan

- Scheduling for Edison Ford Garden Festival.

Education:

- Jim: \$1,000 ASWF scholarship: funding to FGCU Foundation approved by unanimous consent.
- Robin: Approximately \$50 for updated ASWF brochures printing approved by unanimous consent.

National & State Audubon Updates: Audubon Assembly Nov 7-9 in Daytona Beach

Old Business: None.

New/Updated/Ongoing Business:

- Update Christmas Bird Count 2024 info. Meg Rousher taking over Orange Circle. Estero Bay Circle December 28th.
- Holiday Party date discussed.

Adjournment 6:07 PM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 5:15 on Zoom

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne.

On October 17, 2024