

Minutes: Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)  
December 15, 2024 at Holiday Party, 3 p.m.

Call to Order 3:25 PM

Attendance (those attending in bold)

<b>Gerri Reaves (P)</b>	<b>Brad Cornell</b>	<b>Vince McGrath (PP)</b>
<b>Dan VanNorman (VP)</b>	<b>Robin Serne</b>	Pete Quasius (PP)
<b>Jim Rodenfels (T)</b>	Julie Motkowicz	<b>Carl Veaux (PP)</b>

Guests:   Lona Philpot  

Minutes of November 21, 2024 approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report/Jim.

### Committee Reports

Conservation:

- Brad/RCC
- Robin & Brad/LEICWA
- Robin/Shorebird Stewardship
- Dan/EvCo: Quarterly meeting—Annual Conference, Jan. 30-Feb. 1
- Gerri/glass collisions: Communications towers ordinance discussions in City of Fort Myers.
  
- Membership/Jim: Steady.

Field Trips/Jim: Upcoming trip to Koreshan State Park on Tuesday, December 17.

Public Outreach/Jim (Publicity, Website, Social Media, & Newsletters):

- Items for next Gmail blast due by December 25 (will include annual membership solicitation).
- Website updates: Audubon Florida/ FPL Plants for Birds Grant, bird safe glass project at FGCU.

Festivals, Conferences, & Other Events/Dan:

- Attended the Fall Edison Ford Plant Festival in November.
- Updates for festival tabling setup needed.
- AWRA Conference January 24: Yohn and Dan will attend.

Photo Contest: Yohn will manage it in 2025.

Education: Continue recruiting scholarship applicants at FGCU.

National & State Audubon Updates:

- “Plants for Birds” Audubon Florida/FPL grant awarded for native orchid project at CREW.
- Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary capitol campaign underway.

Old Business: None.

New/Updated/Ongoing Business:

- Mound House Museum invitation March 1: Yohn and Vince will attend.
- Reminder: Board members’ memberships must be current.
- Christmas Bird Count 2024 info.
- Workshop to be scheduled to discuss table & display updates.
- AWRA Sponsorship fee of \$200 approved by unanimous consent.

Adjournment: 4:00 PM

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. on Zoom

Annotated and submitted by Robin Serne  
On December 15, 2024