

**Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sept 17, 2008**

**Eco Living Center, Ft. Myers**

**Chair: President Carol Carol Newcomb-Jones  
Call to order 6:10 pm**

**Present.**

**VP/ Treasurer: Rebecca Austin**

**Program chair: Mari Hanley**

**Newsletter editor : Kelly Williamson**

**Past Pres: Gerri Reaves**

**Festival Coordinator: Conny Spurfeld**

**Membership Coordinator: Maria Quasius**

**Birdathon Coordinator : Toby Clark**

**Conservation Coordinator, Carol**

**Education chair: Gene Csonka**

**Minutes:** Approved August minutes as posted to web.

**Membership:** returned membership envelopes from Flyways mailing given to Maria for processing .

Current NAS members Sept. 1: 1518, 25 new NAS members, 18 rejoins, 20 renewals.  
Current chapter-only members 17.

**Treasury:** Finance committee met last Tuesday.

Deadline set: Operating Budget to be approved by Oct. meeting.

Approved: outstanding vouchers for Maria (\$351) and Conny \$138.51) .

Discussed having all future expenditures pre-approved by finance committee

**Education programs:** Approved \$2000 FGCU scholarship to Jason Almcrantz.

**Conservation:** Regional Conservation Meeting Oct. 3 8am @ Pete and Maria's

Tabled - Cape Spreader settlement meeting

Tabled - sponsorship/attendance of Everglades Coalition Conference,

Approved: No statements shall be made at public meetings on behalf of ASWF or representing ASWF without prior BOD approval of talking points.

**Field trips:** Vince McGrath's Hawk Watch on Oct. 18

**Programs:** CREW

Brenda L. Thomas, environmental education specialist at CREW, spoke about the astounding diversity of habitats, plants, and wildlife that call CREW home. Audience: 15

**Fairs and festivals:**

Approved participation in GIRL SCOUTS-

“Flying Wild Festival” at our North Fort Myers Camp , November 8th.

Conny will also be attending Ding Darling Days, Oct. 18th and Calusa Blueways, Pineland, Oct. 31st

**Eco-B'fast update:**

Sponsorships still unclear

Financial commitments have been made by:

- \* CRCA (Caloosahatchee River Citizens Assoc.) - \$100.00 - received check
- \* Ding Darling -
- \* Tarpon Bay -
- \* Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve

SustainabLEE will donate reusable-cloth grocery bags as an alternative to a monetary sponsorship.

Looking for native/butterfly plants, one for each table - 20 total.

Environmentalist of the Year Award: Person selected and purchase of award authorized

**Web report:**

SSL security certificate is up for renewal. That keeps the ASWF site secure to accept CC payments. Approved: paying \$50/yr - billed at the end of the year.

**Birdathon:** March 20th - announcement posted to web. Toby discussed the necessity of dedicated volunteers to make this event a success. This is considered one of our signature events and major fundraiser. Conflict with major CREW event

**Public/Relations/outreach:**

**Flyways:** seeking sponsorship discussed

Kelly plans to create the next Flyways in Nov. after the Envl Breakfast so it is included in Flyways)

**New Business:**

Tabled - include all board members in ASWF board email discussions.

**Old business:**

Tabled- Tony Miller as Parliamentarian ( offer to serve withdrawn) position vacant.

Tabled - Audubon Assembly - Carol attending, Conny and Mari also considering attendance. Level of support TBD after budget established.

**Adjourn: 7:10 pm**

