

SEPTEMBER 15, 2005
BOARD MINUTES
AUDUBON OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The meeting opened at 7:15 p.m. Present were board members Vince McGrath, Dan VanNorman, Kathie Zurich, Frank and Catherine Pirog, Barbara Bacon and chapter members Christina Baker and Carl Veaux.

TREASURER:

Birdathon funds raised = \$2,680

Checking = \$2,283

Savings = \$1,050

Conservation Fund = \$91,000

NEWSLETTER:

- Notice of the Holiday Potluck and silent auction will be printed in the October and November newsletters. Dan will call to reserve the Iona House for Thursday, December 8.
- Vince requested that all articles be sent to him by Oct. 3 for the next newsletter.

EVENTS/FIELD TRIPS:

- These field trips have been finalized:
 - Nov. 20 – Dinner Island, 7:30 – noon
 - Dec. 15 – Prairie Pines, 8 a.m.
- Dan is still looking into details regarding field trips for January (kayaking), April (Corkscrew) and May (Manatee World).
- Christina suggested Rotary Park, Cape Coral, as a venue for this year's annual dinner. She will look into details and report back.

MEMBERSHIP:

Kathie is checking on the amount the chapter receives per member.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Vince has the Annual Report almost finalized, which includes the list of chapter officers for 2005-2006 as follows:
 - President – Pete Quasius
 - Vice President – Vince McGrath
 - Secretary – Barbara Bacon
 - Treasurer – Kathie Zurich
- Vince will attend the Audubon Assembly in Cocoa Beach on October 20 -22. A motion was made (Barbara), seconded (Frank) and passed unanimously for the chapter to sponsor Vince for \$100 for Assembly expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Carl Veaux (Babcock Preservation Partnership spoke on recent developments in the sale of Babcock Ranch. He encouraged members to write to Commissioners and distributed pre-printed post cards urging Commissioners to not allow land use changes.
- Kathie and Dan reported on the Sep. 10 Regional Conservation Committee meeting. Topics covered at the meeting were collaborative funding to support conservation projects, a position paper prepared by FAS on the condition of the Caloosahatchee, mining near Horseshoe Creek.
- Barbara will put together a sample for new chapter stationery.

The next board meeting will be at the Library on Oct. 20.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bacon
Secretary