

**Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes

April 16 th 2009

Eco Living Center, Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers

Chair: Pres. Gerri Reaves

Board Members Present: Maria, Carol, Rebecca, Mari, Gene, Pete, Conny

Guest: Dan Van Norman

Meeting called to order: 6:10

Minutes: Approved March and Annual minutes as posted to web.

Membership: Membership remittance envelope redraft printed for handout/ Flyways; 5k copies at printers. Old version given to Gene for handouts at festivals.

Letters with 2009 chapter membership cards send to new NAS/chapter members. 300+-

Some chapter-only memberships starting to come in.

April NAS report lists 1386 paid members. 80 due to expire in April, 386 expired since Jan.

Discussion of need to get ASWF form letters, membership data, software programs on dedicated ASWF laptop. Maria to include in budget.

Treasury: Need budget proposals for 2009 from committee chairs.

Voucher required for reimbursement of petty cash expenditures.

Gerri to send voucher form to all.

Approved Rebecca getting professional support for Quick Book education.

Committee and president's budgets to include funds for conference and meeting attendance as appropriate.

Financial details available to members upon request.

Web report: Buy soft ware for volunteer to maintain website? Tabled

Governance and scholarship web pages updates - ok'd

ASWF group blind email list - buy portable hard drive NTE \$100 for back up of membership info. Pete action: Approved.

Approved sponsorship of Eco-Voice.org website development for \$250. Chapter to get weblink and sponsorship recognition. Check goes to Paul Holmes.

Calendar posts: Mari will start to post to Eco-Voice calendar and phase out ASWF calendar.

Discussed necessity of obtaining back-up files of website.

Comments on www.Eco-Voice.org invited. Send to Pete.

Education: Confirmed Gene as chair

Discussed purpose and amount of scholarships. Used to attract members and

chapter sponsors as well as achieve educational goals.

Graduate vs Undergrad grants?. Amounts of grants. Language on website sufficiently vague.

Scholarships to ASWF board members? Anyone eligible invited to apply.

Conservation : Level of sponsorship and participation at conferences discussed. Approved payment of annual dues for Everglades Coalition.

Carol is delegate and Pete alternate for EvCo meetings.

Membership in other organizations TBD case-by-case basis .

RCC meeting in Sarasota - Carol and Pete to attend.

Others interested in joining committee, contact Carol.

Sign-ons. Requires unanimous agreement by committee members voting or referred to BOD.

Field trips: Urban Birding with Roger Clark next trip.

Chapter to promote birding trips by others in SWF.

Programs:

Eco B'fast. Carol to contact potential speaker. Gerri to coordinate venue, date, caterer with SWFCEE. Rebecca offered to develop flyer.

Eco award nominations discussed.

Birdathon: date to be determined

Fairs and festivals: Confirmed new committee Chair - Conny Spurfel

Earth-day celebration at Koreshan - Conny to organize.

Events: Where, when and why discussed. Conny wants suggestions.

Festivals opportunity to sell new memberships.

PR/Flyways: Hard copies of Flyways available to distribution.

Kelly to provide file for web posting.

Post card directing readers to website sent.

New Business: Choice for NAS SE board representative approved. - Joyce King

Approved sponsorship of SWF Water Resources meeting in Nov at FGCU for NTE \$250. Dan Van Norman to coordinate for ASWF.

Old Business: Vacant committee chairs and committee members discussion: postponed.

Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Updated 2009 ASWF Board of Directors.

2009—2010 Board of Directors

President: Gerri Reaves

V/P: Carol Newcomb-Jones

2nd VP Treasurer: Rebecca Austin

Secretary/Electronic Communications: Pete Quasius, Mari Hanley--web calendar, Steve Brookman—webmaster*

Programs: Gerri Reaves, Carl Veaux

Newsletter: Kelly Williamson (editor), Carol Newcomb-Jones, Gerri Reaves

Festivals: Conny Spurfeld

Conservation: Carol Newcomb-Jones (chair), Tony Miller, Pete Quasius, Brad Cornell –Audubon of Florida staff*

Education: Gene Csonka (chair), Rebecca Austin, Tina Csonka, Kelly Williamson

Membership: Maria Quasius

Birdathon: Toby Clark

Positions to be filled:

Field Trips:

Hospitality:

Parliamentarian:

Members Emeritus - Frank Pirog, Past Presidents Bill Hammond, Connie Jarvis, Don Doggett, Mary Lee Mann

***Not Board Members**