

Audubon of SW Florida, Inc.

**Board of Directors Meeting
July 17, 2008 - 6 PM
Eco Living Center
Rutenberg Park, Ft. Myers**

Chair: VP Carol Newcomb Jones. Present: Gerri, Fran, Tony, Dan T, Carl, Pete. Kelly Williamson scholarship applicant.

Business meeting: called to order at 6 pm

Minutes: Approved June minutes as posted to web site.

Membership: paid membership 1405, no news on revision to NAS reimbursement program. Chapter losing money on membership efforts.

Treasurer's report: Progress on reconstruction of books and setting up "quickbooks" for accounting. Investment account has suffered some losses in market turn down. Motion to move investment account and checking account to same institution approved.

Education programs:

Approved Florida Master Naturalist Program scholarships (two modules) for Kelly Williamson of Calusa Nature Center..

Kelly invited to join BOD as member of Education Committee coordinating FMNP applications. Gopher/GIS mapping project with Lee Environmental Education. Motion to provide \$100, ASWF coffee mugs and one year memberships to ASWF for teachers participating approved.

Conservation report:

Tony representing ASWF on Cape Coral Spreader Canal negotiations. Next meeting Aug 7th.

EvCo report. Carol attended quarterly meeting in Naples. David working on Miami conference schedule. Carol to supply list of "green" hotels in Miami.

CERP update: Pete discussed US Sugar buy-out. C-43 reservoir construction likely delayed.

Amendment 4 - tax break for conservation easements. Motion for chapter to support passage passed recognizing impact on tax base of rural counties..

Field trips: John provided details of birding trips for 2008/9 season for Flyways. Mari asked to post to web calendar, Ginny asked to do press releases.

Programs:

Cynthia Barnett eco'b'fast 10/23: Tony to provide 990s for sponsors. Riverside Park Hall rented.

Connie has offered to coordinate with Rae Ann -SWFCEE.

Monthly programs - motion to cancel Aug and Sept program due to lack of attendance approved. PQ to notify speakers. Motion authorizing Carol to seek approval to hold program meetings at Six Mile Eco Center approved. Annual meeting to remain at Eco Living Center in Jan. in conjunction with Mangrove Cafe..

Dan to try to coordinate joint program meeting for Oct. at Rutenberg to build audience. Mark Renz scheduled speaker.

Web report: Monthly hits continue at just under 2000. ASWF Calendar posts -suggestions to Mari via info@AudubonSWFL.org.

Eco Voice network now over 500 members. Suggest members join and subscribe to daily digest for the "green" buzz. Carol to post climate related items, PQ water issue items. Anyone free to post.

Subscribe:

EnvironmentalVoiceofSouthwestFlorida-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Birdathon: no report

PR/Flyways:

Carol to arrange photo of "beautiful" people in Audubon SWFL logo'd shirts for Flyways promotion.

Next Flyways: Fall – scholarship/education focus. Gerri asked for photos and articles ASAP

Membership card update - talking to printer to produce for distribution with next Flyways.

New Business:

Audubon SWFL bill board now on I-75 at marker 140 - west side, north bound. Carol to do thank you note to Carter-Pritchett.

Carol to inquire if conference call-in for BOD meetings is available at Six Mile? Is available at Eco-living Center. Cost \$2.10 per hour per caller. Discussion at next BOD meeting.

Carl briefed on Bonita Springs eagle nest issue and Babcock Preserve Conceptual Management Plan.

Adjourn: 8:15

Program: No program. 20/20 Director had conflict and will be rescheduled.