

Audubon of Southwest Florida, Inc. (ASWF)

Board of Directors Meeting

February 18, 2016

Masonic Lodge, Fort Myers, FL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by President Wayne Daltry. Board members present were Melinda Averhart, Cheryl Black, Brad Cornell, Gerri Reaves, Jayne Johnston, and past presidents Pete Quasius and Carl Veaux.
2. Minutes –A motion for approval of the January 21, 2016 meeting minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Jim Rodenfels was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, the Treasurer’s report was emailed to board members before the meeting and unanimously approved .
4. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership – The Membership chair vacancy will be posted on the ASWF Facebook page and interested individuals will be requested to contact the Board.
 - B. Conservation and Advocacy (Brad)
 - a. The Board unanimously supported submission of a letter of support for the current CEPP project plans.
 - b. The Board will consider what role to play in the wording of 20/20 issues that will be included on the November ballot.
 - c. The Board will be looking into a ballot initiative that will allow the Babcock Ranch developer to cross into Lee County.
 - C. Education (Teddy) – No report
 - D. Field Trips (Jim) –The next field trip, a bike ride through Ding Darling , is scheduled for February 28.
 - E. Programs (Melinda) – The list of the speakers and programs through April, 2016 is posted on the website.

- F. Publicity Report (Carl) – Program ads have been published in the News Press and Cape Coral Breeze.
- G. National/State Audubon Updates – The Audubon Academy will be held at Archibold Field Station on February 5. Information and registration forms are available on the Florida Audubon website.
- H. Old Business
 - a. The 2016 photo contest is now open and several entries have been received.
 - b. The Chapter will have a booth at the Koreshan Earth Day Festival on March 26.
- I. New Business –
 - a. The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 21.
 - b. FGCU asked for Audubon representation at their Earth Day celebration.
 - c. Payment of \$310 to Steve Brinkman for website maintenance was unanimously approved.
 - d. Because of a conflict with St. Patrick's Day, the March meeting will be rescheduled for the 24th.
- J. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 and was followed by a program on dragonflies, presented by Cheryl Black. The next Board meeting at the Masonic Temple will be March 24, 2016 at 6:00, followed by a 7:00 presentation on Cape Coral burrowing owls.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Black