

Meeting Minutes– Thursday, December 15, 2016
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Masonic Lodge

1. Call to Order and attendance – 6:05 p.m. Jayne Johnston, Gerri Reaves, Brad Cornell, Carl Veaux, Dan Van Norman, Jim & Teddy Rodenfels, Wayne Daltry, Vince McGrath, Carol Newcomb

2. Minutes of November, 2016 meeting approved

3. Treasurer's Report & expenditure approved. \$75.00 expenditure to Mound House for Shorebird Training was retroactively approved. A total of \$1,420 in contributions has been received since September.

4. Committee Reports

a. Membership: 106 members, 1,210 national members to date. Approved report and year end number.

b. Conservation: Approved to sign on to the recommendation to the county about the DRGR update of hydrologic modeling and wildlife movement data on Corkscrew Road. Agreed to further discuss the DRGR on Babcock Ranch and how it might be affected by constructing baseball fields and infrastructure for ASWF's January 2017 board meeting.

c. Education: Jayne, Melinda, and Teddy reviewed 3 resumes. Teacher, Melinda Lynch at Veterans Park Academy of the Arts received approval to begin an after school bird club. Jayne will be attending Project Wild's Flying Wild/Schoolroom Wild training.

d. Field Trips – low attendance last 2 field trips

e. Programs – no update.

f. Publicity – good publicity in local newspapers. Christmas Bird Count Article appeared in Ft. Myers News Press

g. National and State Audubon updates – none.

5. Old Business – none.

6. New Business - Carol made announcement at the general meeting asking for volunteers to help out at our organization's tables at the Burrowing Owl Festival, February 25th, Wings over the Water Festival, Jan. 21st in Lehigh Acres, Randell Research Center History Week, March. A short article was also written by Carol for our newsletter asking for volunteers.
Great Backyard Bird Count coming up in February.

7. Next meeting Date - January 19th

9. Adjourn – 6:59 p.m.

Prepared by (and with thanks to) Carol Newcomb
Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Black