

Peace River Audubon Society  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
First Alliance Church, Port Charlotte  
April 12, 2018

**Board Members Present:** Sandy Artman, Julie Black, Mike Krzyzkowski, Eleanor Marr, Barb Taylor plus Larry Behrens

Mike opened the meeting and the board approved the agenda for tonight and the minutes from the previous board meeting. The March Treasurer's report also was approved.

Sandy Artman, Treasurer reported that the beginning balance was reduced due to payment for tshirts in advance. Recap of banquet showed \$2500 in ticket sales, \$2546 proceeds from auction plus \$117 donation with net of \$2492.77 with all bills paid for event.

**Old Business**

**EDUCATION:** Sandy send \$567.47 to school for the bird feeder project. Email from Michelle reported that Cynthia received check, was thrilled about earlier start with project, and asked if we planned to give three free PRAS memberships to a student from each school. The Board approved repeating the free memberships for three students.

**YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB:** no report at this time, will schedule meeting this summer

**BIRD BLIND:** Mike reported that he & Cindy met & added sunflower seed & some new feeders. Raccoons making the upkeep with feeders difficult. Will close blind at beginning of June and re-open in September. The replaced roof looks great, but building needs some paint.

**PENNINGTON:** Eagle Scout, Samuel has \$150 left for this project and plans to add plants during rainy season.

**BANQUET:** Successful with silent auction netting about \$2500 with proceeds going to environmental education. Attendance down this year- due to date of event, advertising/publicity, speakers? Will look into for next year.

**GIVING CHALLENGE:** Most important publicity is by email to YAHOO group and additional emails of Audubon members. Will send reminder of Challenge weekly. Also advertise on Facebook & website plus will handout paper reminders at upcoming meeting.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The Board will be remaining the same except for Kevin Gushue who will be replaced by Brenda Curtis. There are openings for committee chairs for Hospitality, Conservation, Silent Auction (separate from Banquet), and

Archives.

Barb Taylor moved that we allow a \$20 stipend/ meeting for hospitality to purchase drinks, snacks, etc. so would not be out of pocket for chairperson. This motion was approved by the Board.

Larry Behrens will bring committee lists with description of responsibilities to upcoming meeting to encourage participation and an opportunity to sign up for a committee.

### **New Business**

**WEBSITE:** Board approved by email to outsource to Kalinda J. Mike suggested inviting Kalinda to one of our board meetings, maybe the summer planning meeting. We discussed giving administrative access on Facebook to board members and committee chairs. Mike will contact Jim Knoy concerning this.

**EARTH DAY:** Sat., 4/21/18 at Deep Creek Preserve. Hike led at 8am. Camping ok at this point. The event will be promoted at the meeting.

### **T-SHIRTS:**

Ron Mills will bring t-shirts to upcoming meeting. Currently 35 sold, not all paid. Will have some additional shirts to sell.

### **FIELD TRIPS:**

Ron Mills working on field trips and walkabouts for next year. Relay any suggested locations to Ron.

### **REQUEST FROM PORT CHARLOTTE LIBRARY SUPERVISOR:**

Larry B shared that Tracy Herman asked about any PRAS programs that could be incorporated into their summer program for elementary to middle school students. Larry will talk to Ron and if anyone else has any suggestions, please contact Larry B.

Larry B & Ron will again share a program at Atwater Elementary on May 11<sup>th</sup>, their belated Earth Day. Will ask Phyllis about using binoculars and bird guides. Discussed purchasing some simple bird guides for children.

### **SPEAKERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS:**

Mike is working on next year's speakers so please share any contact info with him if you come across any interesting speakers.

The meeting was adjourned by Mike.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Black

Next General Meeting: 4/19/18    Next BOD meeting: 5/10/18