The BOD meeting was called to order by Ron Mills at 5:30 pm. The following board members were in attendance: Sandy Artman, Julie Black, Brenda Curtis, Anne Fillion, Mike Krzyzkowski, Cindi Macri, Rob Mills, and Ron Mills. Sue Galvin, Publicity and Kerry Bowers, CHEC Rep were also present. Tonight's meeting agenda, the minutes from the 7/26/2019 board meeting, the Treasurer's report from 8/31/19, and the new membership letter were all approved as read. Budget to be presented and approved at next board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Conservation: Brenda Curtis announced next quarterly regional assembly will be held October 26th. Priorities include reducing algal blooms, encouraging local legislative delegates to support projects including Florida Forever. Brenda passed around three letters concerning biosolids, savings plans for utilities, and wetland degradation proposed by group. Brenda would like to report sewer leaks with help of Pete Quasius. She suggested not supporting “no roads coalition” as the toll roads would at least address sensitive land properties.

Publicity: Ron Mills' chalk talk at Copperfish was successful and brought in $86.64 in donations plus a new member. Phyllis has done a great job with photos, etc. on the Facebook site.

CHEC: Kerry Bowers reported that the meeting was postponed so full board will be able to attend.
Bird Blind- Cindy M and Mike K opened blind but repairs, weeding needed. Pump not working so ok to use $750 from budget to replace/repair pump. Painting will be done by CHEC volunteer when returning for the season. Looking for additional volunteers to keep up the bird blind. Sue G volunteered, will announce at upcoming meeting.
Storage Area: Rob M donated extra boxes of brochures to library. Mike K suggested Shannon to help with storage clean out and sorting what to keep.

CHNEP: Bob Winters would like to share info about CHNEP at meeting. Will order 100 calendars to distribute, may be last year for these calendars.
Pennington: Cindy M contacted Rhonda about fake camera placement, she is waiting to hear back from her. Coastal Cleanup set up for 2 regular work days on Wednesdays.
Rob M shared that beetles did not show up this year for air potato so Larry ordered more insects. Rob has been collecting neighbor's beetles. Discussed having a plant sale/yard sale again as a fundraiser.

Education: Cindy M remarked that the committee met with the contact for Moving Mountains and seems to be a good fit for PRAS.

Giving Challenge: Mike K suggested waiting until November before revisiting as updating challenge information.

Bluebird Trail update: Mike K reported that he will build 8-10 boxes but will need approximately $200 for wood. Ron M agreed $ will be put in budget for approval.

NEW BUSINESS:
Sue Galvin announced the Audubon of SW Florida will host their free annual breakfast on Thurs., Oct. 31st at 7am with Ruth Watkin from Calusa Waterkeepers as speaker.
Brochures are printed, have 500 but can print more if needed, will bring to meeting. Thanks to Larry and Rob for completing them.
Sandy A mentioned honorarium checks for many of the speakers are unable to accept so they are being returned. Suggested promoting BirdaThon as fundraiser option if more participants involved.
Ron M shared that Bill Dunson can list his programs for distribution but we will act as a sponsor.
Conservation: Brenda C shared insight concerning the hurricane potentially wiping out some bird species. Check out the Migration Initiative with Jill Debb from Audubon. Another idea for a fundraiser and/or to get more people involved would be to host an ID workshop for beginning birders so they can help with the Christmas bird count. Brenda will run by Tony Licata.
Plants for Birds Program: Rob M sent in grant from FPL but we need to be ready to implement if accepted. Rob suggested an Audubon Yard Certification program. He
has talked to other groups who have done this successfully. Rob is being trained as a Master Gardener Yard Certifier. This could tie in with grant proposal. Discussed making brochures, signs, etc. for the certification. Would need manpower for this project.

Rob M asked about inclusion of Audubon members on the Master Gardener's trip to Bok Towers.

Nature Festival: Sandy will send donation of $500 as sponsor. Julie B will send Sandy the application for the festival.

Audubon Assembly: This year's assembly will be in Gainesville on Oct. 25-26. Brenda and maybe Mike attending.

Ron M shared request from FL Audubon for photos for the assembly.

Meeting adjourned by Ron Mills.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Black, Secretary for PRAS