**Apalachee Audubon Society Board Meeting**

**Tuesday October 6, 2020 via Zoom**

**Scribed by Heather Levy**

**Attendees**: Donna Legare, Heather Levy, Amelia Fusaro, Nelson Ball, Liz Schold, Norma Skaggs, Robert Williams, Howard Kessler, Dara Wilson, Peter Kelly, Howard Kessler, Kathleen Carr, Chase Brestler, Harvey Goldman, Ben Rangel

**Housekeeping**:

* September’s meeting minutes approved with minor edit to correct date of Big Bend Environmental Forum
* Treasurer’s Report approved
* Sign up for Audubon Assembly (Oct 20-24) on the Florida Audubon website if you plan on attending
* Natasza to stay involved with Pines to Palms and Cornell eBird grant

**Environmental education:**

* Pines to Palms - Amelia
  + Meeting next Wednesday (10/14) 5:30 – 6:30
  + Waiting on county to finalize dates and let us know how they want to handle public events
* Lake E update - Nelson
  + Debbie Segal from Gainesville gave us suggestions for when/how to mow
  + We met with the city and have agreed to no mowing of beds for two years then we will reassess
    - City offered to treat invasive tallow
  + Invasive workday tentatively scheduled for October 19, need to finalize with the city
* Sustainability fellows update – Heather
  + Partnering with Lubee Bat Conservancy from Gainesville to purchase/install the house
  + Good example of a bat house at extension service in the garden
  + Solicit from private donors, then AAS could fund internally
  + City has also agreed to assist with matching funds via installation
  + Ask Sarah to provide information for slide to be used in introduction of next meeting
* CLI mentors
  + Dara and Donna paired up with two FSU students, Heather to help out
* Program Meetings
  + Tallamy webinar
    - Posted on website
    - 2700 people attended!
    - Making a follow up video of how one person in Tallahassee is doing this
    - Unfortunately, audio did not work – potential scheduling a re-do
    - Norma – herbicide spraying right of ways with Talquin electric, can we help?
      * No experiments about using controlled burns and right of ways, but apparently costs too much money
  + October meeting – David Jones
    - Ben/Dara setting up meeting and writing blurb
      * Need to put program up on website and get rid of stuff about the King building location – put meeting dates even if program not confirmed
      * Kathleen using constant contact to send reminders to listserv
      * Must register beforehand, we have capacity of 100 people
      * Intro before webinar: bat house (Heather?), Nov program eBird with Pete
      * Look up software to create waiting list for webinars
* Deeproots meet in Greenville FL
  + - Donna and Peter K looking for possible field trip on sustainable agriculture

**Conservation:**

* M-Cores toll road issue
  + Legislature doesn’t want to count form letter, so we are encouraged to write personal letters
* Fertilizer ordinance
  + Jody spoke as a representative of AAS and Native Nurseries
  + Commissioners reviewing ordinances from Alachua and Indian River counties
* Project 4Forty
  + Donna spoke at special meeting concerning the live oak at corner of Monroe and Virginia
  + Partnering with Alliance of Tallahassee neighborhoods to protect the tree
* Welaunee Arch
  + Asked AAS to comment – Donna will write a letter to the city and commissioners before the next meeting on Oct 13
  + AAS agrees to comment on protection of wetlands and support low-income housing
* Conservation updates – Rob
  + 18,000 acre purchase at bluffs at St Teresea
  + Dispute between state forest service, which wants to manage all the land and the parks service, which wants to create a new park that will go from Ochlocknee State Park to Bald Point State Park along the southern edge of Ochlocknee bay
  + Spoke to Julie Wraithmell – we may need to show public support for the park – revenue for Franklin county as a park
  + Now a tiff between governor (DEP) and commissioner of ag (FS)

**Other additions**

* There is an awesome cypress roost site near post office on Centerville, but keep it on the down low!
* Chimney Swift towers for next semester FSU sustainability fellow project – Heather to send in application tomorrow

Meeting adjourned 7:34