

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019

I. Call to Order

Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board at 4:07 in the Methodist Church meeting room.

II. In Attendance:

Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, Becky Herman, Keith Bruno, Loyette Stewart
Members absent: Stacey Couch, George Sievers, Suzanne Coe

III. Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting

The amended minutes of the February 2019 were accepted as amended and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Anne Stevens, read her report which was accepted as presented.

These topics were also discussed:

- Bank refund of \$36.54; Amazon Smiles \$5.78
- Anne paid for Audubon PO Box
- Thank you note received from Audubon Rockies for \$500 payment
- Loaves & Fishes debit card (\$83.74) is working at Walmart but not City Markets for residual payments to Audubon on members' purchases. PIN # needed for City Market
- Reimburse Anne for City Market purchase for Loaves & Fishes (\$99.30).

V. Old Business

- Board discussed in length the investment of some savings in either long term or short term. Herb asked what goals are we to achieve? Safest is to move to money from present bank savings account into CD account for increased interest. What period of time? 1 year, 3 year, 5 year? Every 6 months interest has to be pulled out from CD account and moved to savings for use or reinvestment. Investment meeting with Nick Tallent @ Edward Jones. Goal is \$1200-\$1500/year. Loyette moved to invest \$25,000 of savings. Jean/Brenda seconded the motion. 6 ayes in agreement; 1 abstained. Plan another meeting with Nick @ Edward Jones to finalize investment
- Another \$25,000 will be available in August for discussion on investment by board members in August or September.

- Herb – continue work on developing signage - Initially what’s most informative: designate species, located by existing signs; each person accept a sign, location, species to develop. Request funding from Pagosa Tourism Board. Work with James Dickoff to meet city standards. Possibly involve students (no more than three was suggested)
- Jean advised we have 2 applicants for Camp Colorado; expand deadline to March 15th; full payment due April 1st. Keith and Loyette will review applications.
- Future Chapter Meetings as follows:

March	Anthony Culpepper	-	February canceled talk rescheduled San Juan Headwaters Project
April	Miley Bayless	-	Bat Conservation
May	Stacey Couch	-	Birding by Ear
June	Membership Mtg	-	Wetlands (?)
Future	Abbey Burke	-	Canned Presentation “Ranching in the New Normal”

VI. New Business

- Jean requested board members to provide their goals/roles for Weminuche Audubon. The following were suggested:

Herb	Promote conservation efforts
Loyette	Promote conservation plus increase local and national activity in members
Brenda	Promote conservation plus organize activities – for example, breakfasts, the 19 th Hole concerts, etc. to raise extra money to sustain our efforts in community rather than rely on present money.
Becky	Increase our membership which will also provide more financial support; suggest donations from members of \$5-\$10 for our chapter QR codes on signage which tourist like and link to Keith (naturalist) ideas
Keith	Continue/enhance his role to help facilitate educational goals in community Develop a first printing of “Bird of the Week” series, pay for layout, formulate a piece and have it printed. Develop an ebook version and, by doing so, expand our footprint.
Anne	Good financial footing
Jean	Facilitate a wetlands project

- Becky discussed ACC January Meeting Report. She encouraged board members to attend one of the next two meetings. Emphasis/strong opinions discussion on ammunition; ACC can provide brochures to tie us with National Audubon & Audubon of the Rockies in this effort. Jean will send an email to encourage a member to head up initiative on ammo – not necessarily a board member. Loyette would like to be our rep at ACC meetings/conference calls.
- Jean has contacted Catherine Ortega of the Durango Bird Club. There is a possibility of co-hosting a workshop on fall warbler ID with them in August. It could be held in Bayfield.
- For clarification, Jean researched and discussed chapter roles, setting up a chapter, informed board that national territory includes Pagosa Springs, Bayfield, Durango. Yearly payment to National Audubon by Weminuche is based on this territory. For national members that we promote/encourage, Weminuche receives a first time payback of \$20/membership. Our chapter code now is (D15) but this changes yearly. Brochures from National Audubon shows code and money is routed to our chapter on each new member via this code.
- Becky advised board members of Abbey Burke's canned presentation about water on April 12th
- Herb has a talk at Fort Lewis College, Durango on "Nuclear Winter" – April 18th
He also inserted that we are in a mega drought (20 year span)
- Jean will supply refreshments for March 20th membership meeting
- Next board meeting 4/01/19, 4pm at the Methodist Church

VII. **Adjournment**

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 5:37 pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding