

Weminuche Audubon Society  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2019

**I. Call to Order**

*Board President, Jean Zirnhelt, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board @ 4:04pm in the Methodist Church meeting room.*

**II. In Attendance:**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting**

*The amended minutes of the March 2019 meeting were accepted as amended and approved.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

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

The following topics were discussed:

- *CD (\$25,000) invested through Edward Jones for one year @2.45% interest is now set with maturity on 3/27/20*
- *TBK (\$25,000 +interest) maturity date is 8/14/19 to be considered for CD investment by board*
- *Joan Ward Bird Camp income received for Weminuche's applicants to attend Camp Colorado*

**V. Old Business**

*Progress on Bird Camp – Jean, Keith, Loyette previously discussed sending all three applicants (2 from Pagosa Springs/l from Durango) to attend camp as money is available. Agreement by board to recognize Joan Ward for her assistance as applicant's benefactor.*

*Herb discussed/provided update on signage project. Discussed ways to set up signage and placement after his recent viewing Bartlesville, OK and Navajo State Park, NM Possible drop box with information; photos of species, 3-4 species/sign. For reference, use Bird of the Week information on signs. He also mentioned, for consideration, the possibility of signs on main observation deck downtown.*

Becky inserted new information possibility for later use in our area. **TABS** (Tracks Across Borders) system tied through GPS on cellphone websites. It alerts and provides pertinent information to an individual at a specific location. Possibly implemented by Pagosa Springs Tourism? It's presently on San Juan National Forest and Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR websites.

Future Chapter Meetings as follows:

April	Milea Bayless	Bat Conservation 4/17
May	Stacey Couch	Birding by Ear plus brief Bird Opera Video 5/15
June	Annual Membership	(Herb presenting?) 6/19
July	Darryl Saffer	Filmmaker/Composer of Numerous Films (TBD) 7/17
August	Lake McCullough	(TBD) 8/21

Lead Free Ammunition Initiative Tabled

Keith advised Weminuche Audubon was not accepted for 19<sup>th</sup> Hole participation this year

## VI. New Business

Stacey provided detailed training on Voice Memo (Iphone) for future minutes recordings if needed. It can also help board members in other areas of communication – drop box, etc

**Fund Raising** options discussed and suggestions made by board members to be discussed at June Membership Meeting and how to proceed. Ideas were:

- Silent Auction using – plants, services for the community, photos, food auction.
  - Stacey suggested setting up Pay Pal button on Weminuche website to accommodate donations and explained the process. She also indicated the need to set up sales tax if we have auctions in the future.
  - Other possibilities – develop bird book to sell; ebird
  - Printing of bird book suggested by Herb. Look into cost of printing on demand through LULU, Amazon, vs local printing with Just Click.
- Stacey suggested enriching membership communication through Mail Chimp. She suggested sending out emails for volunteers, etc only one time and set a deadline for a response in the future.

### **Special Events**

- Keith discussed special events – **Earth Day, 4/27** and need for members to man table 11am-3pm Suzanne and Brenda volunteered. **Migratory Bird Day, 5/11** with Ben leading. Jean spoke with him.
- MSI – Keith & Herb will form groups, plan sites, schedule, field sampling, group volunteers to collect data, management of, etc. Appears to be a lot of interest in project. Need to ask for Matt's assistance on MSI locations – Jackson Mountain? Turkey Springs? Determine accessibility of treatment sites.

### **Other Business**

- Suzanne will meet with Lake McCullough to set August date on 2-3 medicinal plant walks for Audubon members plus another presentation by Lake. Suggested doing both low/high elevation walks; possibly Wolf Creek (north and/or south divide), 4 Mile Ranch or Riverwalk areas
- Jean mentioned observing birds on Riverwalk, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am; meet by geodome.
- Suzanne and Brenda will supply refreshments for the April 17<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

- Next board meeting 5/06/19 @ 4pm, Methodist Church meeting room

## VII. *Adjournment*

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding