

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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:

In attendance: Suzanne Coe, George Sievers, Keith Bruno, Becky Hermann, Jean Zirnhelt, Stacey Couch, Anne Stevens

Absent: Brenda Breeding, Loyette Stewart, Herb Grover

III. Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting

Minutes from last meeting were approved

IV. Treasurer's Report

- received check from City Market program, need to encourage participation in this and Smile Amazon
- Stacey given copy of bank statement to complete Pay Pal setup
- payments made to Camp Colorado for additional campers - need receipt from ABA (Jean will request)
- will need to decide on CD maturing in August. Put on July agenda. Estimate on funds needed for sign project may be known by then

V. Old Business

-need for programs for August, Sept, Oct. Possibilities mentioned were Abby Burk on water (Keith will check with her), Pagosa Resilience (Becky will contact), ebird class. One meeting will be taken up with scholarship recipients.

Previous fund raising discussion

- Stacey - mass email or letter requesting donations, donate button on website
- George - request donations beyond membership amount
- Anne - we have received donations in past

- Keith shared posters for Migratory Bird Day event on Saturday
- Herb will update on Bird Monitoring Project at chapter meeting
- Jean still looking for someone to head up lead free initiative. Doug Purcell would not distribute brochures at Turkey Hunting seminar. Keith and George may pursue further

VI. New Business

Lengthy discussion on change in dues amount:

- Stacey - what value is provided for dues?
- George - approach businesses for discounts to members
- Stacey - purchase item for raffle @ annual meeting
- Becky - chapter supports Audubon Rockies for resources provided to us, chapter membership gives voting privileges
- Suzanne - board members to come up with list of benefits to present to members
- Jean - membership is support of what we do.

Keith Bruno moved to set annual dues @ \$15. Stacey Couch seconded. Unanimous decision. Suzanne Coe moved to establish annual youth membership (18 and younger) @ \$5/year. Anne Stevens seconded. Unanimous decision.

- family membership may be offered in future.
- Stacey is working on online membership through our website
- annual meeting in June set for 5:30 PM preceded by birding. Set up @ 5:00. Methodist Church location. Herb Grover will present program on his wetlands project
- treasurer and secretary positions up for election in odd years. Anne and Brenda have indicated willingness to stay in these positions. George is resigning due to long term absences from Pagosa. One position open to keep @ 10 members, but two positions could be open per bylaws. Becky will give Jean chart of positions.
- Anne will provide financial report, possibly on slide. Board to help her with explanation of why we keep such a large reserve.
- Jean distributed copies of our current WAS brochures for board review of need for changes. Keith mentioned “Audubon branding” encouraged by Rockies which provides templates for design. Becky is able to print.
- Keith is looking for Audubon Rockies office space. Does board have any desire to

share? Becky remarked it would be a good place for books and literature. Keith suggested possible chapter contribution of \$50-\$75/month.
Placed on June agenda for discussion

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HOMEWORK for Next Meeting:

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Read bylaws
Think about what to do with CD fund maturing in August to avoid lengthy discussion
Look at WAS brochure for need to revise
Come up with reason(s) why people should support our chapter

VII. Adjournment

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 5:44pm

Minutes taken/organized by Jean Zirnhelt
Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding