



## ***Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes***

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

### **I. Call to order**

Dottie George called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board at 2:15 pm on June 12, 2013 in the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center meeting room

### **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Becky Herman passed out the minutes from the last meeting which were approved unanimously.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Dottie reported that she had temporarily taken on the treasurer's responsibilities. She emphasized that it was imperative that someone be found to take on the many jobs that Mike Ward did for the Society. She also reminded Becky of the need to go to the bank so that two Board members would have check signing authority.

### **IV. Old Business**

**Constitution and By-laws:** The last changes to the Constitution and By-laws were reviewed and approved. Becky will make the final corrections to the document so that it can be distributed to the membership at the annual meeting.

**Membership cards:** Becky reported that she had finished the layout for the membership cards and presented a printout of that design. She will go ahead and order 500 cards in time for the annual meeting. [It was later decided by phone that the cards should have sequential numbers printed on them, which raised the price for 500 to \$81.] Membership will give people certain privileges in the Society:

- Vote at the annual meeting

- Borrow items from the Society's resource library: books, scope, binoculars, DVD's and CD's

- Fill out waiver once a year instead of for each event

- 2 raffle tickets at monthly meetings instead of 1

**Cell phone:** There was no action taken on the question as to whether or not we should obtain a cell phone as the main contact number for the Society; the issue was tabled temporarily.

**Lake Capote birding:** Dottie reported on the Lake Capote birding event. It was a very successful day with easy viewing of an osprey nest as well as a number of other species. The species list was reported to the membership via the WAS yahoo group email. There was some discussion as to whether the group of birders should have been encouraged to remain together, in order to take advantage of the experienced birders' expertise, or if by separating, the area covered was larger and birders could leave early or late as they wished. It was pointed out that there may have been fewer "mystery birds" had the group stayed together.

## V. New Business

**Room reservations for monthly meetings:** Dottie has made room reservations at the Community Center for all months up to and including November as follows:

July 17 at 6:30 pm

Aug 21 at 6:30 pm

Sept 18 at 6:30 pm

Oct 16 at 6:30 pm

Nov 20 at **5:30** pm

**July monthly meeting:** Dottie has arranged with Bryan Peterson of *Bear Smart Durango* to present the program. We will wait for details from him for the website and newspaper articles.

**Future events and topics:** Pam Novack has again invited the chapter to meet at her house to view the hummingbirds. A date will be determined later. [ A post-meeting suggestion from Becky was to ask Peggy Bergon to present a program about arborglyphs.]

**Annual meeting plans:** Dottie has outlined her plans for the food. We will ask for donations of drinks and desserts from those attending. Members will RSVP to Dottie. And Becky will send out another email reminding people of the annual meeting. In addition, Dottie and Becky will go to the ranch a few days ahead of time to be sure that all is ready.

## VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm

Minutes submitted by: Becky Herman