

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2019

I. **Call to Order**

Board President, Jean Zirnhelt, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board @ 4:30pm at the home of Herb Grover.

II. **In Attendance:**

Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, Becky Herman, Keith Bruno, Suzanne Coe, Loyette Stewart, Stacey Couch, George Sievers. All members in attendance - a quorum was present.

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

May 6, 2019 minutes were accepted and approved

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

Anne Stevens, Treasurer, read her report which was accepted and approved noting the following:

- Income received and deposited from City Market Rewards and Amazon Smiles
- Interest made on TBK bank account
- ABA Bird Camp travel expense (D. Smith)

V. Old Business

- Annual Membership Meeting (June) – presently have two people handling membership dues, forms, money listing, but will expand to 3 or 4. Anne will handle the money.
- Need people to assist/set up two hours prior to meeting. Begin meeting @ 5:00pm with no birding before meeting
- Board will bring entrees; members accoutrements
- Anne will present Treasurer's Report
- Timeline – registration 5-5:30pm; eat at 5:30pm; Jean begins business meeting at 6:00pm and will give year in review.
- Becky suggested Jean might tap into membership asking what they want from this organization.
- Jean will explain Reserve Funds. Investments arranged for Weminuche Audubon's sustainability as we no longer have monetary backing from Hershey Ranch.
- Discuss more members attendance at bird outings and request suggestions from membership as to best time for outings
- Herb will present on his wetlands project developed by him and his wife
- Chapter Meeting Programs: **July** - solidify Darryl Saffer; **August** - possibly Anthony Garcia, District Wildlife, Massive Birding Program. Keith will make contact on owls; **September** - Scholarship recipients;
- **October** – Herb suggested members bring photos, possibly decide on categories, audience choice awards. **MAKE IT FUN!** George asked "What is goal for showing photos?" Possibly encourage participant's explanation of story behind photo and share the experience. Need further discussion on framework.
- Keith acquired Audubon Rockies office space and will locate on July 1st in downtown Pagosa Springs. Discussed cost, need for furniture, location, planned use of space, etc.
- Updating of our chapter's Audubon brochure. Brenda gave Becky her written notes on brochure to consider. Keith offered to assist Becky in development/design

- Herb presented update on Citizen's Bird Monitoring Project with MSI. Project is taking place at Fawn Gulch, Turkey Springs and Jackson Mountain.

Adoption of loops & 5 sites p/loop, designation of teams p/loop, training, and collection of data for a month.

VI. New Business

- Jean discussed need for dates on board member positions. Becky indicated need to get back on track with board positions/dates.
- Anne, Treasurer, and Brenda, Secretary, reached their two year term limits but will continue for next two years dependent upon membership's vote and approval at June Membership Meeting.
- Two board positions to be filled: **Stacey Couch and George Sievers** who submitted their resignations. Nominations will be accepted from the floor and written on white board during membership meeting.
- Stacey discussed Facebook and need for training someone for continuance on our website after she leaves. Herb and Jean offered to train as it must be filled by an administrator. Jean offered to write newsletter. Stacey offered to assist until this is settled.
- Herb, Jean, and Keith submitted possible names to fill open board positions and will contact those suggested. Other members will consider possible contacts.
- Stacey indicated Pay Pal is not up yet. She is working on it.
- Becky discussed need for bird call recognition. Is there a knowledgeable person? An Ap for consideration?
- Next board meeting – July 1, 2019

VII. Adjournment

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 6:10pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding