

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019

I. **Call to Order**

Board President, Jean Zirmhelt, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board @ 4:20pm at the home of Suzanne Coe.

II. **In Attendance:**

Present: Jean Zirmhelt, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, Keith Bruno, Suzanne Coe, Becky Herman. A quorum was present.

Absent: Loyette Stewart

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

Minutes from the last board meeting of July 1, 2019 were provided to members via email and approved.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Anne Stevens, presented the July 2019 Treasurer's Report and the Actual Chapter Budget Report.

The Proposed Budget Report for 2019-2020 was discussed. Both were accepted and

approved. A clean update on 2019-20 Annual will follow at September meeting.

Other items discussed:

- Maturing CD (\$25,000+) @ TBK (12 month). Anne will check TBK rates vs Edward Jones rates for comparison and decision by board on investment.
- Areas of increase in income were discussed as were increases in expenses with a possible projection of more expenses than income.
- Investigate liability expense for better rate. Jean will check on this.
- Community outreach expense will have a slight increase.
- City Market's 2nd Qtr. Rewards - >\$272 (4/1 - 6/30/2019). Rewards are to be donated to community support – Four Mile Ranch, Loaves & Fishes, etc.
- City Market's requirements for use of their quarterly donations were discussed.
- Determine cost of updating, cleaning, revamping Weminuche Audubon website. Who can assist? Bill Hudson possibility?
- Areas requiring use of funds are: Jean mentioned hosting an ACC meeting in Spring 2020. Keith suggested two items: Printing "Bird of the Week" articles as booklet and additional increased power binoculars for kids @ Four Mile Ranch activities.

V. Old Business

- Two – three scholarship students will speak of their experiences during August meeting.
- Herb will present an update on the data collected during bird monitoring project (Citizen's Science) in 3 specific sites (June-July). Fawn Gulch provided the most species.
- Becky will write a Sun article on upcoming events for Weminuche Audubon.
- Keith advised of possible Hershey Ranch Foundation Meeting in mid September 2019. Specific date pending.
- What other chapters are doing to invigorate membership. Keith suggested discussion with other Audubon Societies for ideas.
- Continued discussion on Nest Boxes with membership involvement. What species; what type of boxes? Numerous ideas provided by board. What? When? Where? Colder weather or fall? Suzanne suggested to sell for profit. Herb has space to assemble at

his place, etc.

- Keith – reminder of trail days work @ Hershey Ranch (8/26-28) to prep for September classes

He needs assistance in clearing areas of brush, developing trails, organizing papers, etc.

- Future Chapter Meetings:

September Keith suggested possibility of Bryan Trusty presentation on Flyways – theory behind or Alison Holloran, Audubon Rockies as a presenter.

October Members share photos, experiences, stories

November Four Bird ID classes in preparation for December CBC

December CBC

VI. *New Business*

- Next Spring Workshop – K. Ortega with Durango Birding Group
- Riverwalk Advocacy Meeting – 8/15/19 @ Library; 1:00pm with Bob LeCoer. Discuss how to buffer effects of development's affect on wildlife on acreage adjacent to Pagosa Springs Resort – 27 acres, along the Riverwalk, plus Yamaguchi Park. Stressed cooperation in working with developers.
- Request from Forest Service for financial support installing peregrine viewing platform at Chimney Rock. They will advise when they have more specific information.
- Discussion on advertising.
- Next board meeting – 9/3; 4pm @ Methodist Church

***Who will bring refreshments? Any takers??? I would but will be out of town during meeting. Brenda

VII. *Adjournment*

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding