

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2019

I. **Call to Order**

Board President, Jean Zirnhelt, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board @ 4:07pm, Methodist Church.

II. **In Attendance:**

In Attendance: Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, Keith Bruno, Loyette Stewart, Suzanne Coe A Quorum was present

Absent: Becky Herman

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

Minutes from last board meeting (August 2019) were 2nd by Keith and Suzanne and all members approved – no objections.

IV. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Anne Stevens, presented the August 2019 Treasurer's Report which was accepted and approved. A clean copy of the 2019-20 Chapter Budget was provided to the board. Following transactions were discussed:

- \$25,000 TBK cd was placed in an Edward Jones , 3-mo cd @ 1.95%, maturing 12/13/2019. Interest earned on cd @ TBK (\$382.35) was placed in a savings account @ TBK
- Edward Jones provided a quarterly statement indicating earning of \$45.61
- National Audubon sent a check to Weminuche Audubon for the Member Incentive Program - \$20.00
- Membership dues - \$75.00
- Jean reimbursed for patches - \$153.99
- Unused travel funds returned, J. Ward - \$500.00

V. Old Business

- Al Pfister will write a lead-free ammunition article by October for The Sun during hunting/rifle season.
- Jean contacted the following insurance companies for liability insurance quotes: Farmer's, American Family's, and State Farm. She is waiting for return calls from the first two. State Farm's quote is similar to the present cost- \$475/yr.
- Future Meetings:

September - Keith confirmed the meeting presentation by both John & Allison Holloran of the Audubon Rockies. Possibility of Bryan Trusty presenting. Board discussed possible structure of the presentation, e.g.; what other societies are doing, flyways information, etc. Keith and Jean will refine points for 9/12 newspaper article.

October - Members Share Photos/Experiences/Stories

November – In preparation for CBC in December, Keith will present Birding 101 on following dates: 11/20; 12/4; 12/12. Specifics to follow.

December – CBC

- Speaker fees/gifts were discussed by board with numerous suggestions on gifts instead of fees to the speakers. Herb suggested making available 3-4 item choices possibly consisting of metal drinking cups with our logo (Jean's suggestion); Suzanne suggested shopping bags with our logo; others mentioned coffee mugs, hats, other useful items noting our logo. Keith will check with "Just Click It" for their cost. Loyette indicated we should consider it as being "a token gift of our appreciation".

Birdhouses made by members to presentors was also suggested with unanimous approval.

VI. **New Business**

- CBC Meeting – Herb will check with Methodist Church to reserve Fellowship Hall on 12/14/19. Setup will be @ 4pm followed by CBC meeting.
- Extended discussion on the future land use at Yamaguchi area. Suzanne expressed her opinion on land being developed for pickleball use; purchase of the 10 acres across the river at the pond/riparian areas; is there really a need for 8 pickleball courts? How can we gain use of a portion of the 10 acres to set aside for wildlife, birds, etc. Must work with city and developers to minimize the developmental effect to this area. The development would bring in revenue for the area as mentioned by Herb.
- Jean mentioned meeting with Bob LeCouer, riverwalk area on Thursday, 9/12 @ 1pm for Riverwalk Advocacy Group meeting.
- Herb spoke with Kathryn Ortega regarding a May 2020 presentation.

VII. Adjournment

In Addition -

Prior to adjourning, Herb provided an update on his Wetlands effort. The Wetlands were inspected and approved by Colorado Parks & Wildlife's Brent Newman who supplied a score card of 4-5, an excellent rating. He indicated it has great potential as a wetland; wetland plants are now emerging; birds are migrating, etc. Herb offered a birding activity at his property on 10/19 @ 7:30am

to view the wetlands.

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 5:20pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding