

Weminuche Audubon Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

I. Call to Order

Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board @ 4:10 PM at the Methodist Church.

II. In Attendance

In attendance: Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Keith Bruno, Becky Herman, Jean Zirnhelt, Suzanne Coe. A quorum was present.

Absent: Brenda Breeding, Loyette Stewart

III. Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from last board meeting (September 2019) were approved without objection. Thanks to Brenda for doing such a good job.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Anne Stevens presented report sent to board by email. Treasurer's Report will be corrected to remove miscellaneous donation amount. Bank had credited to wrong account. Treasurer's report accepted with correction to be made.

V. New Business

-Audubon Grants

Keith listened to webinar regarding Burke Grant. Will try to forward link if available. GGP has applied for grant to build physical structures for a native plant garden in area

adjacent to community garden in Centennial Park. ~30x40 ft area. WAS could collaborate on this project by applying for grant monies used for purposes such as native plant workshop, plants, bird structures etc. (Herb has materials which could be used to build bird houses). Herb moved that we go forward with a Burke Grant application to collaborate with the GGP on a native plant demo garden. Anne seconded. Unanimous agreement. Deadline is 11/15. Keith and Anne will have time at the end of the month to work on this. Brenda will undoubtedly want to be involved. Jean will do more research

-ACC Meeting Report by Becky

Topics discussed at meeting included:

- Video presentation on wolf reintroduction provided by Delia Malone with Roaring Fork. Keith and Becky expressed need for education on this topic. Jean and Herb expressed that this topic might alienate community members if chapter takes a stand.

-CPW - Governor appoints members to the board. Currently there are no scientists.

-Lead ammunition discussions

-Representative from new college Audubon club was in attendance. Keith has been asked to facilitate formation of clubs at Adams State and/or Ft Lewis. Herb has contacts at Adams State. Herb suggested working through the Environmental Center at FLC might be the best place to start. Keith knows Kay Phelps there. Maybe Catherine Ortega would be of help. We would most likely need to do a presentation on campus. Jean suggested that since Durango is already in our chapter boundaries, this might be a way to increase participation. We can search NAS site for information on these clubs. Suzanne wondered if a club can be formed at High School.

-Water issues and sagebrush issues were also discussed.

-Camp Colorado Funding

Becky feels like Joan Ward will provide but we need to ask her. Loyette or Dottie as a contact to Joan?

-Birding Outings

No one has volunteered to lead. Chuck and Jean can only do on weekends when people are busy. Will contact Ben and Randy to see if they will do one. Plan to be at Riverwalk on 10/19 for Global Big Day. (*location has been changed to Lake Capote.)

-Other New Business

Loaves and Fishes volunteer appreciation dinner on 11/8. We will sponsor the dinner on 2/13/20. Is Maureen willing to take over this project?

VI. Old Business

-Insurance

Quote from American Family in the amount of \$250.00 (versus \$475 current rate through State Farm). Jean will forward quote to board members.

-CBC Planning

Becky will attend bird ID classes to offer memberships. Dates are set for 11/20, 12/4, and 12/12. CBC Date is 12/14. Keith and Anne will get together to determine forms that will need to be printed. Becky can print.

-October Chapter Meeting

Chuck will be able to coordinate photo sharing if Keith is unable to attend. Herb will be gone.

VII. Adjournment

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM

Next Board Meeting 11/4/19

Minutes submitted by Jean Zirnhelt