

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2019

I. Call to Order

Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board at 3:05pm in the Methodist Church meeting room.

II. In Attendance:

In Attendance: Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, Becky Herman, Keith Bruno, Suzanne Coe
Absent: Loyette Stewart. A quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes From Last Meeting

A copy of the amended minutes of the November 2019 meeting was distributed via email, accepted as amended, and approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Anne stressed **3 month CD** renewal due 12/13/19.

V. Old Business

Insurance Liability Quote - Keith proposed going with American Family plan. Herb second the motion. Board in agreement.

CBC – Keith indicated it is generally organized with Zones/Signup in progress, Zone Leaders (Herb, Roger, Chuck, Keith - lacking three), Zone Leaders' instructions, birding lists printed. Snow date Sunday (12/15) as backup. **Waivers** - main topic and stressed need of one time signage for bird walks, other Audubon activities. Development of a master list – one for several possibilities. Suzanne will investigate the Outdoor Clubs waiver and provide input. Jean will send out letter to solidify.

Loyette spoke with **Joan Ward** and she is willing to fund the Camp Colorado scholarship in 2020. Jean wrote ABA to request information on cost.

2020 Chapter Meetings –

- **January** - Becky suggested Norbert Lechner (climate change). She will contact to discuss dates with him. Alternative could be this summer.
- **February** – Membership building birdhouses
- **March** – to be decided
- **April** – Bird Monitoring Project by Herb
- **May** – ID by Sound by Stacey/Chris. Keith also suggested Susan Allerton who does birding by ear. He will pursue contacting her.
- **June – November** – to be decided.

Other possibilities for Chapter Meetings:

- A meeting on “**Looking Back**” (What has Weminuche Audubon accomplished this year) for later into the year suggested by Becky.
- **Sharing photos and stories**
- **Kristine Cline, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies** - Herb suggested
- **Anthony Garcia USFS** - Keith suggested
- **Roger Organ** – Jean suggested

Nest Box Construction

Herb, Keith, Bill Breeding will prepare designs, assembly to be completed by members in February. Herb has offered his workshop for project. Open for suggestions on types of birds. Jean suggested kestrels.

VI. New Business

Website quote from Laura Dollar discussed and board considered it a positive move. Anne motioned to go with Laura and Herb seconded the motion. Board in agreement. Jean will contact Laura to arrange visit with board in the near future to discuss format.

CD rate returns continue to decline on 3-18 month CDs. Herb motioned we renew with Nick @ Edward Jones and find best rate for both CDs March 2020 (combined). Suzanne seconded the motion. Board in agreement. Anne will discuss possibility of better returns with Nick.

Other Business - John Porco presented indepth information on recently established Pagosa Springs URA to board. He stressed it is a twostep process: 1. URA established 2. Project(s) determined.

John indicated the mayor can choose to appoint a Special District Rep to the URA board. He encouraged Weminuche Audubon to submit, within the week, a letter and name to the mayor for this position. This would be someone with an environmental perspective.

Herb motioned the letter and name be submitted to mayor. Board was in agreement. Jean will handle. John also commented on TIFs for infrastructure. Further questions on subject can be referred to John for insight.

Next board meeting – January 6, 2020

VII. Adjournment

Jean Zirnhelt adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm

Minutes submitted by Brenda Breeding