

Weminuche Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President, Jean Zirnheld, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors at 4:05 pm.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person: Jean Zirnheld, Herb Grover, Anne Stevens, Keith Bruno, Diane Cirksena and Lisa Tedder. Via Zoom: Becky Herman and Loyette Stewart. Absent: Brenda Breeding.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the March 6, 2023 meeting were accepted and approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the March 2023 Treasurer's Report. Income \$5087.75 (anonymous donation for owl monitor, Lois Webster Grant for owl monitoring, donation from Kristin Roth, membership dues, Bird Camp Scholarship from Joan Ward, and t-shirt sales). Expenses \$1981.89 (owl project). Total Balances \$60,243.75 (checking, savings, Edward Jones CDs, petty cash and membership supplies). Diane volunteered to research options for membership dues collection and record-keeping.
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **Earth Day** - Earth Day celebration will be held April 22 @ 10:00 a.m. on the Riverwalk. WAS will have a booth that they will share with GGP and PWP. WAS will provide various information sheets (native plants, stickers, posters, childrens' books, Archuleta County bird checklist, coloring sheets, PWP flyers) and will lead a hands-on activity to make native plant seed balls. If there are any still available, Peyton's nesting boxes will be made available.
 - B. **Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) Environmental Film Festival** - The Board had budgeted \$250 to donate to the Film Festival. Diane moved and Herb seconded to donate \$250. The motion passed unanimously.
 - C. **Audubon Colorado Chapter (ACC) Meeting Update** - Becky reported on the most recent meeting. They discussed how to get more people interested in following bird migration. Peak migration will be May 1-18 in Colorado. They discussed the spotted owl monitoring program and thanked Denver Audubon for the grant for that project. Keith mentioned that Daly Edmunds had established a Listserv that Board members could join to follow important news and activities in the Audubon community. Herb's bird monitoring video will be presented at the April 12 ACC meeting.
 - D. **April Chapter Meeting** - At the April meeting, leaders of the various chapter projects or activities will describe the activities to try to solicit volunteers. Information tables will be set-up where people can learn more about the

activities. Josh Pike will talk about Pagosa Wetland Partners, Anne will talk about the Native Plant Garden. Herb will talk about bird monitoring. Keith will talk about the FourMile environmental education program. Beverly will talk about the Bull Creek owl and pinyon jay monitoring and possibly Pat could discuss the Dipper monitoring.

VI. Old Business -

- A. Native Plants Brochure** - Keith reported that Maggie Su has been working on creating the Native Plant brochure.
- B. Monte Vista Crane Festival** - Herb reported that he felt it was useful and worthwhile for WAS to have a presence there. They made contact with many attendees, many Front Range people and Audubon members. Anne reported there were not as many people on Friday or Sunday, but that Saturday was well attended. Many people signed-up to be on the WAS email list.
- C. Spotted Owl Monitoring** - Keith reported that he and others had hiked out to the monitors and collected the first data, which will be processed soon. All the equipment was working properly.
- D. Pagosa Wetland Partners** - Diane reported that Jeanett Pike is getting the tour schedule and naturalist training prepared for the new season.
- E. Chapter Meeting Programs -**
 - 1. April - volunteer opportunities
 - 2. May - Birding by Ear class led by Keith. Perhaps also have a field exercise to practice at a later date.
 - 3. June - Annual meeting, Daly Edmunds as possible speaker.

VII. Adjournment - The next Board meeting will be held on Monday May 1 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder