

WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnheld called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) Board of Directors @ 4:03 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person: Jean Zirnheld, Herb Grover, Keith Bruno, Diane Cirksena, Brenda Breeding, Lisa Tedder, Anne Stevens. Via Zoom: Loyette Stewart. Absent: Becky Herman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting were accepted.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the January 2024 Treasurer's Report. Income \$2025 (scholarship donation from Joan Ward, another donation). Expenses \$244.68 (Bev Compton, MSO expenses, Colorado Periodic Report). Balance total \$61,227.79 (savings income, CDs, checking, savings, petty cash, membership supplies).
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **Board Priorities Annual Report** - The Board discussed whether the chapter met the 2023 Board priorities (increase attendance at chapter meetings, engage younger audiences and to expand the chapter's presence on social media). The Board felt the priorities were met. For 2024, new priorities were determined to be
 1. To pursue the development of an outdoor education facility/nature center
 2. To organize more club outings/trips to bird watching areas
 3. Increase membership involvement in WAS programs and activities.
 - B. **Project Identification/Leadership Roles** - The following is a list of the various projects that WAS currently has going on and the Board or chapter member who leads each effort.
 1. Dipper monitoring - Pat Bremer
 2. Native Plant Garden - Anne Stevens, Brenda Breeding, with help from Keith and Jean.
 3. Bird Monitoring Project - Herb Grover (also Keith, Jean, Bob Endres)
 4. Kids' Education - Keith
 5. Earth Day - Diane Cirksena
 6. Bird of the Week - Jean (Herb and Keith help)
 7. Mexican Spotted Owl/Pinon Jay Monitoring - Bev Compton will continue through the spring
 8. Pagosa Wetland Partners - Josh Pike, Jeanette Pike (riverwalk tours) Herb helping with naturalist training, Lisa Tedder and Joan Rohwer (water monitoring)

9. Christmas Bird Count - Keith (education), Jean and maybe Bob Endres (organization of event and zone leaders)
10. Outings/Trips - Herb
11. Shorebird Surveys - possibly Bob Endres?
12. Monte Vista Crane Festival
13. Audubon Colorado Council - Becky Herman
14. Fishing Line Boxes at Echo Lake - Maureen Collins

VI. Old Business -

A. Crane Festival Registration - The Board discussed getting a table at the Monte Vista Crane Festival, but all the spots were taken.

B. Project Updates -

1. MSO/PJ - monitoring will continue through Spring. A new person has been found to analyze the data.
2. PWP - water monitoring is ongoing with changes in the protocol being developed by Joan.

C. Chapter Meeting Programs -

1. February - ask Jeff Reichel to present on Arizona birding
2. March - Doug Clark, Forest Service biologist, on species of concern in Colorado
3. April -

VII. Adjournment - The next Board meeting will be held March 4, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder