

WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President, Jean Zirnheld, called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:11 p.m.

- II. **In Attendance** - In person: Jean Zirnheld, Brenda Breeding, Anne Stevens, Diane Cirksena, Keith Bruno, Lisa Tedder. Via Zoom: Becky Herman. Absent: Herb Grover, Loyette Stewart.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting were accepted.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the October 2023 Treasurer's Report. Income \$95.00 (membership dues, donations). Expenses \$217.58 (Beverly Compton, owl project and Herb Grover, PLPOA rental). Balance \$59,614.40 (checking, savings, petty cash, supplies). Anne will renew the 6-mo CD that is maturing on November 13, 2023. Anne filed the 990N form for non-profit status. Audubon Rockies requested a \$771.00 contribution for the 257 National Audubon members in our region. The Board will decide how much to send next month.

- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **Grant Application to Colorado Field Ornithologists for additional ARUs and batteries** for the owl and pinon jay monitoring. Beverly Compton requested that WAS help write a grant for funds. The Board will ask her to write the grant with WAS support, which has to be done before December 31. The Board needs to talk to her about "ownership" of the units, to make sure there are enough volunteers to do the additional monitoring and to discuss whether there are enough funds to pay Kurt for the data analysis.
 - B. **Camp Colorado 2024 Reservation** - The 2024 camp will cost \$1895. The Board decided to reserve a spot for a student, which WAS will sponsor with a scholarship. There is a \$100 fee to cancel the reservation, which must be done before April 30.
 - C. **November 15 Meeting set-up** - Diane and Herb will handle the audio-visual set-up. Other Board members should arrive at PLPOA at 5:30 p.m. to help set-up.
 - D. **The Bird City Network** - Keith received an invitation for Pagosa Springs to become part of The Bird City Network. Keith will look into what it would take to qualify for that designation and the Board will discuss whether to participate at the next Board meeting.
 - E. **Audubon Colorado Council Report** - Becky and John Porco attended the meeting, but were unable to provide a report due to technical issues. John gave

the Board a summary of the Uinta Basin Railway proposed train lines to transport Utah oil to Colorado and the related environmental concerns.

VI. Old Business -

- A. Christmas Bird Count Preparations** - Checklists need to be printed for the Bird 101 classes, zone leaders need to be contacted, need to decide whether to have potluck dinner the following day. It was suggested that maybe Keith could organize the Bird ID classes according to what birds are usually seen in the different zones. It was also suggested to ask Peyton and Sage to help recruit younger participants.
- B. Native Plant Garden** - The garden has been winterized. The perennials will be pruned in the spring.
- C. Pagosa Wetland Partners** - WAS will meet with Barry Knot, Josh Pike, Joan Rohwer, Lisa and other PWP members to discuss the water flow issue at the wetlands in order to prepare for a meeting with David Dronet, the Springs developer.
- D.** Jean drew a name from the membership to win a donated Audubon book. George Sievers won. Jean reported that there are 67 dues paying members of WAS.

VII. Adjournment - The next board meeting will be December 4, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned around 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder.