

**WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**June 2, 2025**

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:02 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person: Herb Grover, Jean Zirnhelt, Bob Endres, Diane Cirksena, Lisa Tedder, Keith Bruno. Via Zoom ; Becky Herman. Absent: Anne Stevens
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The May 5, 2025 meeting minutes were accepted.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Jean presented the May 2025 Treasurer's Report. Income \$524.83 (membership dues, Kroger rewards, National Audubon, donations). Expenses \$1156.17 (Audubon Rockies donation for Keith's trip to Hog Island, Native Plant Garden supplies, Linda Mozer to take Naturalist class). Total Balances \$62,076.60 (savings checking, Ed Jones CD, petty cash and membership supplies).
- V. **New Business** -
  - A. **Annual Meeting/Board Election** - Jean will announce that Lisa and Anne will run again for the Board and the Board is accepting other nominations. The meeting will be a potluck at the church on June 18 at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. **Macroinvertebrate Studies** - Bob and Jean did a macroinvertebrate ID session with Patty Spindler. They are considering organizing sessions for interested people for a citizen scientist project on measuring macroinvertebrate diversity in the dipper nest locations. Bob thinks maybe the dipper observations should also include water level, turbidity and macroinvertebrate info (food for birds) etc. to see how the environmental factors affect nesting. Patty has been asked to give a talk at the July meeting. Keith suggested one sampling at the dipper locations this year and then see if Trout Unlimited would be interested in getting involved from the fishing perspective.
  - C. **PBS** - Ziyi Xu is a reporter for PBS. She had asked Keith for suggestions of stories. He thought Diane and her involvement with the Pagosa Wetlands Partners would be an interesting topic. She is going to interview Linda Mozer and Ben Bailey next week.
- VI. **Old Business** -
  - A. **Aaron Williams' proposal ideas** - Keith will inform Aaron that the Board is still considering his ideas and whether the time investment to create content will bring the results we would be hoping for. Keith will ask him to create a sample "reel" to put on the WAS Facebook page.

**B. Beaver Festival** - Keith and his wife will represent WAS at the Beaver Festival on June 14 in Durango. Herb will be able to be there also. Keith plans on demonstrating how beavers are integral to birdlife.

**C. Project Updates**

1. **Dipper Project** - Three fledgings observed and some mating between two birds so perhaps there will be a second brood at one of the sites..
2. **Bird Monitoring Project** - Teams have started monitoring the sites.
3. **Pagosa Wetland Partners** - tours start tomorrow
4. **Native Plant Garden** - Garden is blooming! CSU Extension has a program for new residents of Pagosa on how to landscape. Keith is helping with Native Plants information.

**D. Chapter Meeting Programs**

1. June - Annual meeting
2. July - Patty Spindler?

**E. Goals Review -**

1. **Outings** - 2-3-2 and Headwaters groups were led in bird monitoring sessions.
2. **Community Scientist promotion** - Same as the "Outings."
3. **Diversity groups** - Keith and Becky are trying to organize an event at Pine Ridge for the residents there to get them interested in birds. Also need to continue talks with the Senior Center about a mindful birding session especially for people with limited vision.

**VII. Adjournment** - The next WAS Board meeting will be held July 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder