

**Weminuche Audubon Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024**

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnheld called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) Board of Directors @ 4:05 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person: Jean Zirnheld, Herb Grover, Keith Bruno, Anne Stevens, Becky Herman, Diane Cirksena and Lisa Tedder. Absent: Brenda Breeding and Loyette Stewart.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the March 4, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the March 2024 Treasurer's Report. Income \$0.00. Expenses \$250.00 (Environmental Film Festival Donation). Total Balances \$61,570.05 (checking, savings, Ed Jones CDs, petty cash and membership supplies).
- V. **New Business** -
  - A. **Pagosa Area Trails Council/Southwest Colorado Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR)** - This group of people has organized a statewide project to gather opinions on land use in Colorado. They created an online public survey in March to collect feedback. Some Board members (?) attended the roundtable. From this, Herb and Keith obtained ideas on potential lead free tackle and ammunition contacts in town. Herb will talk to some outfitters and Keith will talk to the anglers. Jean asked whether WAS wants to sign-up as a "dedicated stakeholder" to be included on their email list and to be able to attend future meetings to keep up with their progress. The Board voted to become a stakeholder to get on their email list.
  - B. **Fishing Line Receptacle Repairs** - Jean reported that WAS maintains three fishing line receptacles at Echo Lake, some of which need some repairs done. Herb will remake one of the receptacles and make a new top for the second one. It will cost about \$70 in materials to make a new box. Diane moved and Anne seconded to pay for the materials for the new box and repairs. Maureen Collins is a WAS member who collects fishing line from the receptacles along with Jean, Chuck Martinez and Rita Peck.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - A. **Earth Day Participation** - Diane provided an update on the Earth Day events on April 21, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m..The theme will center around plastics - how to recycle and reduce use. There will be several organizations present and various speakers and activities. The Riverwalk Naturalists will give a tour. WAS will have a booth (providing information and making wildflower seed balls). Wolfwood

Refuge will bring animals (a 75% wolf and a full husky) and will give a talk and provide photo and petting opportunities. More information can be found on the Earth Day Pagosa Springs Facebook page. WAS booth set-up will start at 9:00 a.m. Jean, Anne, Lisa will be there and Keith, Diane and Herb will be there in multiple roles

**B. Project Updates -**

1. **Mexican Spotted Owl/Pinyon Jay Monitoring** - Keith and Kurt will present a report on the monitoring to the Denver Audubon on April 16.
2. **Pagosa Wetland Partners** - They will share the table with WAS at Earth Day. Josh Pike will possibly talk about PWP/Naturalist Tours at the April 17 chapter meeting.
3. **Bird Monitoring Project** - Herb will present a report/video about the project at the April 17 chapter meeting. A BMP fact sheet is being created to be available on the WAS website. This year Herb hopes to revisit the Turkey Springs area, drop the Fawn Gulch monitoring (resume next year) and maybe add the Jackson Mountain North area.
4. **Native Plant Garden** - It is time to prune the perennials. Several people volunteered to help do the clean-up on April 3 at 10:00 a.m. Keith mentioned we should try to complete the work on the Native Plant brochure that Maggie Su was working on last year before she graduates.
5. **Shore Bird Survey** - Keith is working on organizing volunteers to help with the Shore Survey in the San Luis Lakes State Wildlife Area.

**C. Chapter Meeting Programs -**

1. April - Bird Monitoring Project (Herb) and maybe PWP (Josh Pike)
2. May - Birding by Ear (Keith)
3. June - Annual Meeting and elections June 19.

**VII. Adjournment** - The next Board Meeting will be held May 6, 2024@ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at ?

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder.