

WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
August 5, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society (WAS) Board of Directors @ 4:08 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person - Jean Zirnhelt, Keith Bruno, Herb Grover, Diane Cirksena, Lisa Tedder. Via Zoom - Bob Endres, Anne Stevens. Absent - Becky Herman
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the July 1, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the July Treasurer's Report. Income \$207.00 (membership dues, donations, t-shirt sales). Expenses \$614.71 (Just Host, PWP signs, NPG hose splitter). Total Balances \$61,229.02 (savings, checking, CDs, petty cash, membership supplies). Jean mentioned that the chapter raised around \$550 for Josh Pike, through voluntary donations from members, to help him get established in Montana.
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **ACC (Audubon Colorado Chapter) \$50 donation** - The ACC requested \$50 donations from each chapter to help with their expenses since they do not get donations from anywhere else. Keith moved and Herb seconded a motion that WAS donate \$50 to ACC per their request.
 - B. **Watercolor Bird Drawings Donation** - A Pagosa Springs resident who is moving to Texas, called Jean to donate twelve bird watercolor prints. The Board has not decided what to do with them yet.
 - C. **Preliminary Budget Review** - Anne prepared a draft budget. She will adjust it to remove non-continuing expenses and adjust some other expenses and then will submit a final budget at the next meeting.
 - D. **Wild Orchid Man on the Rocks Movie Sponsorship** - Darryl Saffer has produced a film about the search for wild orchids. He plans on taking the film to the Sarasota Orchid Society festival in Florida and is trying to show it at the Liberty Theater in Pagosa on September 26. Diane is requesting that WAS sponsor the film through advertising, use of the chapter's certificate of liability, which will lower the cost to show the movie at the theater. Donations will be collected to cover the costs to pay employees. Herb moved to donate \$100 to cover the cost to rent the theater. Bob seconded the motion. Board approved the motion. Jean will check the liability insurance to see whether can serve alcohol.
 - E. **Audubon Grant Cycle Opening** - Level 1 \$5000-9990 and Level 2 \$10,000-15,000. October 10 deadline.

VI. Old Business

- A. MSO** - Keith received the external hard drive back from the USFG (Shala Headwall). Her analysis said she detected no MSO. The hard drive contains recordings of all birds detected, which might be useful for other researchers. Keith will talk to CPW to inform them about the data to gauge their interest in using the data.
- B. PWP** - Last month of tours. Linda Mozer will take over leadership of the program.
- C. BMP** - Volunteer picnic this Wednesday August 7 at Herb's house
- D. Native Plant Garden** - Growing well, volunteers watering and weeding.
- E. Dipper** - Finished watching for the season. Gathering data. Four fledglings at West Fork second brood.
- F. Shorebird Survey** - August 14 in Monte Vista and Alamosa National Wildlife Refuges.
- G. Chapter Meetings** -
 - 1. August - Anthony Garcia and Kelsey Harkness (USFS).
 - 2. September - Gary Skiba (San Juan Citizens Alliance)
 - 3. October - Lake McCullough (medicinal plants)

VII. Adjournment - The next Board meeting will be held September 2, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder.