

WEMINUICHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
September 2, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:03.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person - Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Keith Bruno, Bob Endres, Diane Cirkseña, Anne Stevens, Lisa Tedder. Absent - Becky Herman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the August 5, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the August Treasurer's Report. Income \$754.43 (membership dues, donations, CM Rewards). Expenses \$234.00 (water monitoring supplies, donation to Josh Pike). Total Balances \$61,829.03 (savings, checking, Ed Jones CDs, membership supplies).
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **2024 - 2025 Budget** - Anne presented the proposed budget for 2024 - 2025. Herb moved to approve the proposed budget. Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - B. **National Audubon Chapter Leader Orientation online meeting** - Bob attended and summarized what was discussed. One topic was leader resources that National can provide. Bob felt like there might be resources for helping Durango to start their own chapter, so worth investigating.
 - C. **Mindful Birding Project** - Fort Collins Audubon, Audubon Rockies and Bird Conservancy of the Rockies are hosting a workshop on Mindful Birding on September 7 in Brighton, CO to help people see the mental health benefits of birdwatching. Jean will mention the opportunity to chapter members in an email to see if anyone would be interested in attending and then reporting what they learned.
 - D. **Yamaguchi South Development** - Jean would like to talk to the Parks and Recreation Department about preserving the riparian ecosystem in the area as part of the overall development of the area. Jean is going to talk to Darren Lewis, Parks and Rec Dept., to see if there could be any opportunity to build a nature center in that area.
 - E. **Colorado Field Ornithologist Colorado Birding Challenge September 14** - The CFO is organizing a bird watching challenge to raise funds for Conejos River Restoration Project. The organization asked WAS to help promote the event. Jean will include the information in the email blast to members.

VI. Old Business -

- A. Wild Orchid Man Movie** - The Darryl Saffer movie is being shown September 25 at 5:30 p.m. @ the Liberty Theater. Diane encouraged members to attend the showing.
- B. Project Updates** - Native Plant Garden - Anne will set-up a group weeding day.
- C. Chapter Meeting Programs** - September - Gary Skiba (San Juan Citizens Alliance) to speak on regional projects. In October Lake McCollough will speak on medicinal plants.

VII. Adjournment - The next Board meeting will be held on October 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder