

WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:17 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - Jean Zirnhelt, Keith Bruno, Anne Stevens, Bob Endres, Lisa Tedder, Herb Grover, Diane Cirksena, Becky Herman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens presented the November 2024 Treasurer's Report. Income \$348.88 (membership dues, City Market Rewards). Expenses \$1308.00 (speaker gift, Audubon Rockies, Monte Vista Crane Festival sponsorship, Circle of Friends donation). Balance Total \$60,340.12 (savings, checking, petty cash, membership supplies). Anne will be out of town January - Mid-March 2025.
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **Camp Colorado Alternative** - The American Birding Association will not be offering a Camp Colorado bird camp in 2025. Jean will talk to other Audubon chapters to see if there are any alternative camps WAS could sponsor children to attend.
 - B. **Jackson Mountain Landscape Project Environmental Analysis** - Jean mentioned she had reviewed the Jackson Mountain plan for fire mitigation (thinning and prescribed fires). There are no longer any plans for bike trails or a gravel pit. She thought their plans looked good and she did not make any public comments.
- VI. **Old Business** -
 - A. **Yamaguchi South 60% Plan** - The plan is now available online. On December 4 there will be a public forum that Diane will attend. She will push for a line item for the building of a nature center.
 - B. **Christmas Bird Count** - The zone leaders have been assigned. WAS is still trying to get access to Echo Canyon West to count birds there. The wrap-up and potluck will be held on December 18 @ 5:30.
 - C. **Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC)** meeting - Bob and Keith attended one of the offered sessions. Attendees were organized into talking groups to promote communication between the various groups who use the parks and public spaces in the Pagosa area. Another meeting will be scheduled in April.
 - D. **Chapter Meeting Programs** -
 1. **December** - CBC wrap-up and potluck

2. **January** - Charlie Tyrell will talk about his trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.
3. **February** - Darryl Saffer will present his film on Limpkins and other speakers will present "good news" bird stories and why some birds are so successful.
4. **March** - Keith will talk to a woman he met at Xerces to give a talk about the Mountain States Bumblebee Atlas Network.
5. **April** - Volunteer Opportunities and Bird Monitoring Prep.

VII. Adjournment - The next Board Meeting will be held on January 6 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder