

WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 2024

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President, Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:00.p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person -Jean Zirnhelt, Keith Bruno, Herb Grover, Bob Endres, Diane Cirksena, Lisa Tedder, Becky Herman. Absent - Anne Stevens.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Jean reviewed a partial October Treasurer's Report. Anne sent a complete version via email. Income \$488.99 (dues, donations). Expenses \$9.82 (PayPal fees). Total Balances \$61,331.84 (savings, checking, Ed Jones CDs, membership supplies). Audubon Rockies sent their annual request of \$3 for each National Audubon member in our region, for a total of \$888 (296 members). Herb motioned and Diane seconded to send the full amount. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **New Business** -
 - A. **Monte Vista Crane Festival Sponsorship** - There is a \$200 fee to sponsor the festival. Jean asked if the chapter would be interested in being a sponsor. Bob moved and Herb seconded that WAS become a sponsor. The motion was unanimously approved. Herb offered to have Audubon brochures at his photography booth rather than WAS having a table there.
 - B. **Speaker Gift to Lake McCullough** - WAS will buy a mug and calendar from Herb as thank you gifts for speaking at the October Chapter meeting.
 - C. **SJWCD "This is Your Watershed" Movie Presentation** - 5:30 p.m. November 18 at Pagosa Center for the Arts. Audubon will man a table there to advertise the chapter. Jean and Keith will bring information on the chapter and Christmas Bird Count (CBC).
 - D. **Christmas Bird Count Planning** - To accommodate Keith's schedule, the third class date was changed to Thursday Dec. 12 (Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 also). At the December 18 chapter meeting, the CBC data will be compiled and members will bring food for a potluck dinner. Jean will contact previous zone leaders to start organization.
 - E. **Chimney Rock Birding Continuation?** - Jean said they get a few participants each time. Jean and Charles are happy to continue offering the sessions.
 - F. **Circle of Friends Christmas Gifts** - Jean mentioned seeing an article about the volunteer group who organize Christmas gifts for needy families. Diane moved that WAS donate \$50 to the program. Herb seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Old Business -

- A. Yamaguchi South Presentation** - Diane attended. She left a note on the online site and suggested the education area be used for a nature center in future. Walking trails, a bird blind, and an outdoor classroom are included in the plans. Keith is going to send James Dickoff information on the GOCO Get Outdoors Colorado grant availability so the town could maybe apply for funds to help do projects at Yamaguchi Park. He will also mention the Audubon Grants that we could apply for next year for an Audubon project at the park if the town were interested.
- B. Donated Bird Prints** - Jean will talk to the manager at Pine Ridge Care Center to see if they would like them.
- C. Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition Representation** - Bob and Keith will attend the kick-off meeting on November 12 as WAS representatives.
- D. Chapter Meeting Programs** - In November and December Keith will lead three CBC ID classes.

- VII. Adjournment** - The next Board Meeting will be held on December 2, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder