

**WEMINUCHE AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 7, 2024**

- I. **Call to Order** - Board President Jean Zirnhelt called to order the regular meeting of the Weminuche Audubon Society Board of Directors @ 4:10 p.m.
- II. **In Attendance** - In person - Jean Zirnhelt, Herb Grover, Keith Bruno, Bob Endres, Diane Cirksena, Anne Stevens, Lisa Tedder. Absent - Becky Herman.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the September 2, 2024 meeting were approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Anne Stevens reviewed the September Treasurer's Report. Income \$100.00 (membership dues and donation). Expenses \$1081.86 (Liberty Theater Daryll Saffer movie, bird monitoring picnic, Four-Mile Ranch supplies, Airport self-storage year rental, ACC support). Total Balances \$60,857.97 (savings, checking, Ed Jones Cds, membership supplies). Anne would like to step down as Treasurer due to increased family commitments. The Board will need to find a replacement for her.
- V. **New Business** -
  - A. **A Seat at the Table** - Jean asked whether the Board wanted to take positions on the various local issues/projects being reported in the Pagosa Sun.
    1. **Village at Wolf Creek** - the board will research the topic more and discuss at our next meeting.
    2. **Pagosa Gateway Project** - The project leaders are holding a 60% meeting October 10 to present the project's status. Herb is on the WEP Board and is especially concerned with the riparian environment's improvement and protections. Jean will mention the meeting in a chapter newsletter to encourage members to attend and give input.
    3. **Yamaguchi South Project** - Jean mentioned that the town has developed a plan for this area as part of the Pagosa Gateway Project and will hold a 30% meeting next week. Diane will attend and report back.
    4. **Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition** - Bob Milford asked for Audubon representation on the PARC Board. Bob Endres is going to research getting involved and being a PARC partner. Keith will email Bob to discuss details about Audubon participation.
  - B. **Audubon October Big Day** - Jean mentioned that Charles will lead a bird walk on the river on October 12 to participate in this annual count.
  - C. **Fall trip to Bosque del Apache?** - Herb mentioned possibly organizing a trip to Bosque in the winter to see the migrating cranes.

**VI. Old Business -**

- A. Donated Bird Prints** - Jean mentioned she still has the donated bird prints. It was suggested to have a silent auction during the Christmas Bird Count training meetings and include the prints with other donated items.
- B. Christmas Bird Count Training (CBC)**- The Board discussed possible changes to the training sessions. Herb suggested organizing the birds from Most Common to Least Common and maybe also add some history of the CBC. The Bird Count will be held on Saturday December 14. Training sessions will be held in person and via Zoom on November 20, December 4 and December 11. Charles and Herb may lead the last session as Keith will be out of town. The Compilation of Data will be done at the regular chapter meeting on December 18.
- C. Project Updates -**
  - 1. **Native Plant Garden** - Anne and Keith discussed the need for additional crusher fines on the path inside the garden. The team also needs to trim the overgrown willows.
  - 2. **Pagosa Wetland Partners** - Lisa reported that Jeanette Pike has organized a meeting for the volunteers to discuss the future of the River Naturalist Program on October 14 at the library.
- D. Chapter Meeting Programs** - In October, Lake McCullough will discuss medicinal plants. In November and December the chapter will hold three CBC training sessions.

**VII. Adjournment** - The next Board meeting will be held on November 4, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church and via Zoom. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Tedder