

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1/15/24

3rd Monday of each Month, 4:30 – 6:30pm

Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

PRESENT: Tina, Cary, Logan, Larry, Chuck, Pam Johnson (Bird Walks)

REGRETS: Nic, Janet, Pam

GUESTS: Pam Johnson/Bird Walk Coordinator
Shannon Young/Benefit Concert

WELCOME & APPRECIATIONS

Facilitator

Thanks to Logan for a thorough and enthusiastic program about eBird and apps in November. Thank you Harriet for all the years you have helped GVAS. You are much appreciated! BIG THANKS to Tina, Pam, and the Board who made our Memorial to Dave Price and the CBC volunteers such a resounding success!

NEW BUSINESS

Preserve Update & Funding:

Meredith

Meredith discussed how the construction bid for Phase 2 came in higher than expected and that even after trimming some items from the project etc. we were still \$22K short. One way to fund this deficit was to ask USFWS/BOR to reallocate \$20K from Phase 3 to Phase 2.

Meredith spoke with Lee Traynham at the Bureau of Reclamation about using funds from the endangered fish project for Phase 2 and 3 of our project. Most likely the Endangered Fish Committee will likely be fine with this and she will email Tildon a request for an additional \$20K. The paperwork process for this kind of modification takes a long time so it's best to make sure that construction on Phase 3 starts at least 6 months after we accept a bid.

Bird Walk Coordinator:

Pam/Pam J.

Pam Johnson will be our new Coordinator for bird walks. She is hoping to have 2 walks per week, one during the week and one on weekends as well as one field trip per month.

Bird Walk Committee

Pam Johnson

pjohnson@fcpremium.com

(970) 523-5443

Places to send Birdwalk info: Beacon Calendar online / TV Stations online

GVAS Benefit Concert:

Pam/Shannon

Possible location Fruita State Park / Wild Flight Concert Benefit

Haiku Box:

Pam/Becky

On behalf of Dave Price, Becky Williams has a 5 year subscription for a Merlin device called Haiku which is a recording device for bird song. Suggestion: rotate the Haiku Box at board member houses.

2024 Tumacnac Leaders

Logan

Saturday, January 13th through Sunday, February

Registrations were online and processed through NEON. Notes: Some issues with people signing up for more than one trip, some people showing up without registering. Some were not able to show up, and didn't notify until the last minute. Need to add more instructions in the description. - Tina

Employee Evaluations: JAG

~~What's working—what's not working for paid employees.~~

Fund Raiser Sept 2024 1% PAM

SEP IS AVAILABLE AARON w/Hot Tomato?

CATS (Cats Aren't Trophies) initiative NIC

EMAIL VOTE RESULTS:

Ballot issue, internal controversy, GVAS "passed" on the Wolf initiative. Board voted Nay on CATS.

American Rivers – Whitewater Park on Gunnison River Nic

EMAIL VOTE RESULTS:

Board voted Yah to having Nic send a letter to GJ parks and rec to tell them our thoughts.

GVAS National Audubon Contact List (Edmonds, Daly) JAG

Daly requested updates to GVAS. JAG updated and sent to Daly. Completed.

- President Same (vacant)
- Vice President Same (vacant)
- Treasurer Same (Larry)
- Secretary Same (Janet)
- Conservation Chair Same (Nic)
- Program Chair Same (Pam)
- Education Chair Same (vacant) COULD THIS BE CARY? Bird Banding?
- Publicity Chair Same (Logan)
- Social Media POC Verified accuracy of Logan's contact information
- Newsletter/Website Changed to Tina's contact information from vacant
- Field Trip Coord Added Pam Johnson with contact info
- REMOVED Hunter Harmon as board member

ONGOING BUSINESS

FINANCE

Larry

Financial Pie Chart showing our income vs expenses for membership transparency.

Neon Invoice: November was \$105.40 compared to previous months of \$219.00!

PAYPAL Donations from 2023 to present: \$1,729.63 USD

COLORADO GIVES

Tina

CoGives asked that we **make sure our contact is listed on the Grand Valley Audubon Society's CO Gives profile** because that's where the contact emails are pulled from each year. (who did that request go to? can you forward to me to follow-up with?)

Cary asked The Daily Sentinel to notify GVAS of the deadline date next year so that GVAS can be listed in their special supplement identifying all Colorado Gives non-profits.

NEON Update:

Pam and Tina met with Cara and now have Donations set-up in NEON. She will change the Donate link to a NEON link and it will go directly there instead of the Paypal account. We won't cancel the Paypal account but just replace the links on the website with a new NEON link. Cara will create the Neon link and update our contacts in NEON.

> Cara created a new NEON Donate Form - Tina replaced the Paypal Donate button links on the website with the NEW FORM. All donations will go directly into NEON.

> NEON email verification (gvas.executivecoordinator@gmail.com) - has been resolved with Network Solutions - domain provider. Email blasts from NEON using the gvas....@gmail.com with now be compliant with domain protocols. - tina

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SECRETARY

JAG

Janet mailed a Thank-you card for Harriet which included 2 \$25 gifts (Total: \$50) cards to Spoons for Harriet.

CBC GJ Mesa

Compiler Harriet Stephens stepping down

Christmas Bird Count 2023

Janet will compile CBC

Tumacnabac 2024

Logan

Spring Bird Count 2023

Shannon

Both CBC and SBC data are located on a flash drive given to Janet by Harriet.

Doug Diekman volunteered to take over the coordination of the both the GJ and Mesa CBC. Janet will work with him and provide him the flash drive from Harriet.

CBC GJ Data: 92 species 19,111 birds counted

CBC Mesa Data: 49 species 1,265 birds counted

WEBMASTER/MARKETING

Tina

New Calendar of Events listed on the Home Page of Website. Pam and Tina are cleaning up the pages and deleting

old information and duplication of information to make it more organized. Pam has looked over the site and has suggestions.

Cara can help with a new overall updated design for the website. Also - updated Minutes page.

FUND RAISING

Chair: OPEN

Fund Raiser – Pablo's Pizza Results September 2023

Logan

Fund Raiser – Hot Tomato (May 2024) (Bird Banding info?)

Pam (Thur. eves are local's night)

Fund Raiser – Ramblevine (will give us space to host an event) Tina

What about Springtime Migration Celebration in collaboration with Spring Bird Count?

PRESERVE MAINTENANCE:

Chuck(Logan,Larry)

Berkeley Reece Sanctuary No Parking signs

Weeds need cutting

Beaver wire on trees

GVAS Fence on Private Property

Present at the meeting: Randy Crawford who volunteered to help at the preserve, no pay. Out of town til May.

New signage - Logan talk to Chuck to organize putting these up

MEMBERSHIP:

Pam

Pam will schedule a meeting with Cara for late October or early November to try to set up an easier way to input amounts in to Neon. Nothing further to report. Paypal list of donors and Colorado Gives list of Donors was collected and Pam/Tina will input data into NEON

PJ Janssen - (peejco2000@msn.com) new board member! Tina needs her info to add to website.