

GVAS BOARD MEETING **MINUTES 3/18/24**
3rd Monday of each Month, 4:30 – 6:30pm
Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road
FPC Guest: tofollowChrist

PRESENT: Pam, Tina, Logan, Larry, Chuck, Pam Johnson (mcandjohn91@gmail.com), Nic, Janet, PJ Janssen (peejco2000@msn.com)

REGRETS: Cary, Chuck, Pam Johnson

GUESTS:

Welcome and Appreciations:

Facilitator

Many thanks to Karen Manuell for her years of service to our Fall Bird Banding program. A big thank Logan and friends for bird walks. Kudos to Cary for completing the Chapter Report! Thank-you to Nic and his team for owl box maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS

Bird Banding Paid Position VOTE

Cary

Board did not vote on the Fall Bird Banding position as described in the job description emailed to the Board by Cary. Karen has not yet sent out email to her group of volunteers to see who may apply or job share and the hourly pay rate has not been established.

It was suggested that the hourly pay rate be the same rate as educator \$17/hr. Wait to see who volunteers and how many hours are entailed before we vote.

We agreed to double student fee from \$1 to \$2 per student.

Newsletter Blue Herald: Articles Needed.

Tina

Deadline: Mid-March

Publish date: Second week of April

Board agreed that Larry will provide a generic financial report showing basic GVAS costs in the Newsletter. Per Tina, Black Canyon includes financials in seasonal newsletter. Board agreed

Donation by Jim Hutton: 2 \$25.00 Wild Birds

Board agreed to use as an incentive to sign up for Preserve Spring Clean Up Day. Drawing end of the work day. Decide on work day whether to use one or both gift cards that day based on attendance.

Family Membership to The Arts Center last 2023 – Donate 2024?

Pam

Board agreed that if Art Center requests a membership for their raffle we can donate; otherwise we will not initiate a donation. Judy V. contributed to a chapter membership to the Art Center in 2023 as raffle fund raiser for the Art Ctr.

Sierra Club (Cynthia Sims) Donation of \$500 – Thankyou card/JAG

Pam

Board signed a thank you card at the meeting for Sierra Club and Janet will mail it out.

Annual Chapter Report 2024 - Replacement needed.

Pam

Board agreed to a new plan starting 2024 to complete Chapter Report throughout the year with participation from the Board. PJ can assist with this. Review monthly so we can update it as it goes.

Pam passed around the Annual Report for the board to review and read the letter Nat'l Audubon sent to us. PJ advised she would set up a Shared Google Calendar for the Board to access and update. Cary received an email from National thanking her and approving our annual payment.

Spring Bird Count 5/15 thru 5/18/24 Wed - Sat

The property owners at the Horsethief house would like us to include their property in our count. Nic will contact them and let them know the dates. Deb Turbidity and Pam cover that area.

Newcomers Bird Group: Pam Nic and Larry have corresponded with Susan. Susan is interested in leading a casual birding group with the Newcomers group only. Janet will send our group walks and programs to the Newcomer newsletter editor.

CFO Convention 5/2 thru 5/5/24 Lamar, Colorado (Janet, Cary, Deb Turbirdy, Pam)

Count Data CBC/Spring/Tumacandbac

GVAS/Mesa CBC data 2023	Data has been updated on National Audubon website.
Tumacandbac data 2024	Logan will ask for trip reports and give to Janet.
Spring Bird Count 2024	Jag will get with Shannon.

Haiku Box:

Board Members download the list of birds heard and give to Pam.
April/Cary
May/Logan
June/PJ

ONGOING BUSINESS

FINANCE

Larry sent financials to the board by email.

Larry

WEBMASTER

Working on calendar on webpage.
No more pay pal buttons on websites. Using Neon 100%

Tina

MARKETING QUOTES

Rack Cards: Board agreed Tina could make revisions and reprint 500 of the rack cards using Vista print. Include QR Card.
Stickers: Board agreed Tina could reorder 250 stickers using Print Runner.
Bird List: Logan will review the bird list before we print. It was discussed if we should encourage the use of Ebird and drop paper bird lists. Not at this time as people utilize the hard copy.

Tina

NEON:

Tina entered all Paypal donations and membership information and moved the person with recurring donation over from Paypal to NEON.

Tina

FUND RAISING

Fund Raiser – Hot Tomato/Aaron September 24 tentative
Fund Raiser – Ramblevine/Nicole/50th celebration belated
Date: not confirmed yet

Pam

Tina

Tina spoke to Shannon about her band playing. Ramblevine will give us the space to have the band play some date in June. Tina needs to get date set with Nicole at Ramblevine. Basically do a social for GVAS on the 50th celebration. Tina will check to see if they will name a beer for GVAS: Canyon Wren Red Ale. Could we do a screen with bird pictures in the background-wont work for the location and time of year. Fruita Concert at the state park. Shannon is willing to do this as a benefit concert for GVAS.

Fund Raiser - Colorado Gives/November

Tina

Tina will contact Sentinel to be sure we are in their non-profit edition in the Fall.

Volunteer Committee/Preserve Maintenance :

Pam

Committee is trying to meet Sunday pm monthly. Scheduling conflicts for meetings. People want to volunteer but need committee members to inform and work with volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP:

Increased to 206 members

Pam

WETLANDS RESTORATION

Cary

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Cary

BIRD WALKS:

Pam J.

3/24/24 Sun.	Logan	Highline Lake	
3/27/24 Wed.	J. Higgins	Riverfront Trail 29 Road	
4/7	Logan	Brewsters Ridge	curlews
4/27	Brett	Browns Park camping	long eared owls
TBD/NO	Mark and Denise	OM Cemetery	Field trip screech owl boxes
TBD	Cary	TBD	
June			
July			
August			

PROGRAMS:

Pam

Mar 18	Poetry	Owls	Nic Korte
Apr 15	Poetry	Ecuador GVAS trip	Shannon Young
May 20	Poetry	Africa Fauna II	Tamara
Fall 2024		Lead Poisoning	Mark Richman

Tamara will send an updated description of her program.

No board meetings in summer but will try to do bird walks throughout the summer.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Logan

BioBlitz

CONSERVATION

Nic

Owl box maintenance

Substantial work in winter/spring. Darren Lawley and Nic spent 3 afternoons and Logan and Nic one evening installing/cleaning/repairing boxes. Mark and Denise Vollmar also took care of several boxes.

Nic emailed the Board what Mark and Denise did at at OM cemetery to discourage squirrel predation. Photos were provided of the box Nic saw in Costa Rica which gave us the idea of using spikes.

ACC Meeting Grand Jct July 13th

Pam and Nic are sponsoring ACC meeting here July 13th at the club house. Do we provide lunch? Will need refreshments and provide an event. Review the property. Bird walks. Nic's cabin to see hummingbirds? Several of the ACC members go to Denver meetings and are a really good source of information to us.

Lead Contamination Presentation:

Parks and Wildlife are doing a lead ammunition day at Cameo. Lead is a neuro toxin. Ample data that raptors are poisoned by lead.

BOARD RECRUITMENT

ALL

Next Meeting: April 15th

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