

GVAS Board Meeting MINUTES **4/15/24**
3rd Monday of each Month, 4:30 – 6:30pm
Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road
FPC Guest: tofollowChrist

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

GUESTS:

Welcome and Appreciations: Facilitator
Thanks to Pam for being our rep for the ACC meeting occurring concurrently with the work day. Thank-you Tina for rack card design. Thank-you Larry/Steve Williams for putting up signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Membership

Chuck has stepped down from the board but wants to remain active in whatever manner he can.

Bird Banding Position

Cary

Vote needed on the Fall Bird Banding position as described in the job description emailed to the Board by Cary. Karen sent out email to volunteers and only one person volunteered for one week. This can be a job share with 4 volunteers each coming one week each. Increased student fees so we can cover 4 weeks of volunteer hours. Cary will stay in contact with Karen and advise.

Western Slope Outdoor Volunteers

Cary

WSOV event May 1st will be put on our website. Cary will email Tina.
Cary would like GVAS to get our volunteer events on their website.

Request received to use the Preserve

Cary

TJ Smith and Johanna van Waveren would like to use our property for an event known as Forest Bathing; ie, walking and journaling. They will donate half of their profits to GVAS. Board approved the use of our property for this event.

Rack Cards Artwork Approved:

Tina

Tina submitted new artwork for the rackcards by email.
Quantity to Order:
500 rack cards
250 stickers

Blue Bird/Flicker Box donations:

Janet

Bird Choice bluebird house, large size, brand new, never used donated to GVAS.
Raffle off the boxes at our next meeting.

Toyota donation to GVAS by John Farmer Cary/Larry
Less than 5000 miles. SUV. Larry will pick it up Tuesday 5/16/24. Larry will take title to DMV and ask how we proceed. No sales tax as we are a non profit.
We will sell the vehicle.

Board Meetings Summer 2024? Pam
Complete Annual Report for 2024 to submit 2025.
Volunteer To Do List. Agreed. All 3 months. Same day and time as usual meetings.

Gate Combination Change
We need to discuss changing the combination to the gate as the gate is being left open.
We will not change the shed combination.

Volunteer Hours
GVAS Volunteer Hours 2024 file created on Google docs by Cary. Cary will format in excel spreadsheet. We should count the bird count volunteer hours in our totals.

Audubon Rockies Newsletter
If we have major events, we can submit to have it on our newsletter.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Finance: Larry
Write up in newsletter was great.
Western Colorado Community Foundation sent us a check for approximately \$1000 representing our dividends which we put into our checking account. Board voted to deposit an additional \$1890 into our checking account.
Audubon Council of Colorado (ACC) meeting needs a \$50 donation annually to pay for the use of the domain name. Board approved.
Received our annual check from National Audubon for \$1504.

Annual Chapter Report: Pam
Review monthly so we can update it as it goes. Discuss at summer meetings.

Webmaster: Tina

Neon: Tina
Not able to get together Tina, Pam, Cara

Fundraising:

Fund Raiser	Hot Tomato/Aaron	September 24	tentative 24th	Pam
	Program: Bird Bander			
Fund Raiser	Ramblebine/Nicole/50th celebration belated			Tina
	Program: band known by Shannon			
Fund Raiser	Trail Life Brewery "Grain for Good"			
	Program:			
Fund Raiser	Pablo's Pizza		Logan	

Fund Raiser Timberline Bank

Fund Raiser REI

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

Preserve could use weekly and monthly maintenance to keep the invasives in check.

Steve Williams installed the signage on some of the huge logs along Dike Road east of the Preserve at the Berkley-Reece Sanctuary to discourage overnight stays and errant driving up on the embankment near the Bank Swallow colony.

Additional vandalism: two sign posts inside the main Preserve gate with signs pointing one way to the viewing blind and the other way to the trail have been broken off or are laying on the ground.

Steve Williams built shelves in the shed.

Preserve Workday Report. Early April 2024 – 16 participants – Boy Scout troop 328

Cary submitted a workday report via email: paint cottonwood bark to deter gnawing beavers, trash pickup, pruning back trees and shrubs along the trails, caging cottonwoods and maintaining the log blockade at the Berkley-Reece Sanctuary east of the Preserve on Dike Road. NEW signs installed recently by Larry.

Volunteer hours: 680 Boy Scouts want more projects.

Preserve Lead Coordinator (volunteer position)

Randy Crawford rcrawford2024@gmail.com is our new Preserve Lead Coordinator (unpaid) who is willing to do work at the preserve. Benches need to be chained down.

Pass the bucket at April meeting specifically for the benches to have the hand rails replaced with Trex.

Bank Degredation

Bank on the preserve property has degraded and fallen in as the private land owner had advised would occur.

Audubon Property Tree

Cary

Park Manager at James M. Robb-Colorado er State Park 970.434.3388 contacted GVAS regarding a tree on Audubon property that looked like it will fall soon possibly damaging a fence at the park entrance. T4 trees came in and took down several trees in the area.

Volunteer Committee

Committee met and Pam has the list of volunteers. Larry McKenna is doing a good job contacting people when Credit Cards are rejected.

Membership: 206 members

Pam

Wetlands Restoration:

Cary

Cary updated the map of “What’s Your Wetland” (Abby Burke) to show our property. We are the only wetland on the map for the Western Slope. Abby also advised that Abby may have a funder for 25K for GVAS.

Science Sprouts Eureka kids

Cary

Cary approved access to the Preserve as described below:
In Spring toddler families/EUREKA! utilize the Audubon Preserve to get outside on Thursday, 4/11 and Wed. 4/17 both times around 10-11am. It would be Briana on 4/11 and 4/17 Gilberto Macias Ramirez who is leading our first ever Spanish speaking Sprouts on the Trail.

BIRD WALKS:

Pam J.

x/xx		Browns Park	Cancelled. Reschedule 2025
5/5	Logan	Devil’s Kitchen	
5/18	Brett	Horsethief Cyn SWA	
5/25		Owl Banding	
June			
July			
August			

Pam Johnson advised that some organizations have a junior Audubon program to encourage younger families to get involved.

PROGRAMS:

Pam

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. Will try to do bird walks throughout the summer.

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

Shannon

Shannon sent email out to all Leaders.

Debbie has tried to contact the family of Horsethief but has not heard back.

Newcomers Bird Group:

Janet

Janet sent 2 May bird trip dates to the Newcomers Newsletter editor:

dale.gates1@gmail.com

The deadline is the 20th of the month. Dale would love to get some Audubon info! Newcomers bird trip leader is not able to continue to do bird trips for Newcomers.

Count Data CBC/Spring/Tumacandbac

Janet

Tumacandbac data 2024 Logan will ask for trip reports and give to Janet.

Spring Bird Count 2024 Jag will get with Shannon.

No one on volunteer committee wants to work with data.

Haiku Box:

May/Logan

June/PJ

July

August

Social Media:

Logan

Conservation:

Nic

Dolores River Monument designation

Senator Hickenlooper will be in town on 4/22 for a listening session on the Dolores. This is a critical moment to show support for this campaign and we need as many people there: Monday 4/22 at 5:30pm at the CMU ballroom.

Owl Box Solstice

Nic picked up the owl box that Harriet Stephens, Solstice on 12th St., stated tree was taken down that had the owl box.

Cheney Reservoir

BLM has acquired an additional 480 acres of land at Cheney Reservoir near Grand Junction.

Colorado Bill HB24-1379 (comprehensive waterway protection program)

Board Recruitment:

ALL

Next Meeting: May 20 3rd Monday 4:30 – 6:30 Presbyterian Church