

GVAS Board Meeting AGENDA **5/20/24**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month, 4:30 – 6:30pm  
*Board will continue to meet in summer*  
Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road  
FPC Guest: tofollowChrist

Present: Pam, Cary, Larry, Janet, Nic, Tina, PJ Janssen ([peejco2000@msn.com](mailto:peejco2000@msn.com))

Regrets: Logan, Pam Johnson ([mcandjohn91@gmail.com](mailto:mcandjohn91@gmail.com)), Randy Preserve  
Coordinator, Meredith Wetlands Project Coordinator

Guests: Shannon Young

**Welcome and Appreciations:**

Thank-you Shannon for working through the Spring Bird Count ebird list.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Free Calendar app (10 events ever) onto GVAS website  
\$8/month. Board voted yes for an entire year.

Annual Public Banding of Western Screech Owls

Saturday May 25. Meet at 9AM at 637 30 ½ road. Popular event but we will not require registration this year. Tina will do an email blast. Kim and Glenn will be banders.

ACC Audubon Colorado Council meeting 7/13/24 9-noon Board welcome.

Need to inform everyone, arrange for it on ZOOM, and some funds will be expended. We provide an excursion to the preserve 7am. Nic will contact Meredith. Cary can do a general overview of the project if Meredith is not available. Possibly excursion to Nic's cabin for evening hummingbirds. Meeting location: Village Country Creek. Discuss what all chapters are doing. GVAS to showcase Wetlands Project. Nic Mary will provide breakfast. Pizza is ordered from Hot Tomato. Pam will arrange zoom, coffee, and directions to preserve.

2025 CFO Conference/Grand Junction 200 people

Cary and Pam found out at the CFO Conference in Lamar that the 2025 Conference will be located here in Grand Junction! In the past, with no one from here being a CFO board member, we would be asked to help with (lead, co-lead) and suggest field trips and with specialty birds. Nic will stakeout WESOs but will not offer any other owls than GHOWs. 2011 was the last convention in Grand Junction.

Preserve Work Day Fall/date TBD

BioBlitz Day Fall/date TBD

Summer Retreat:

June date TBD

July 3<sup>RD</sup> Monday

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

Possible topics:

What worked/What did not work in th3 2023-2024 year

Annual Report/Goals

New bd member to handle Programs or Business Fd Raising  
or Farmers Tables/summers only

Volunteer Opportunity:

Rich Goblen/President of the Friends of Highline Lake State Park has a bird trip planned for a group of veterans and disabled individuals on 6/19 and 6/20. Nic will contact Rich Goblen. Birding Site: Mack Lake, campground. Nic volunteered for CDA/Highline Lake event on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Board members welcome to assist. Pam may be able to. 15-20 participants so help would be appreciated. Loaner binoculars are in the Education shed

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Finance:**

Larry

Larry submitted month end financials in separate email.  
Have not received check from WCCF (Western Colorado Community Foundation)  
Toyota donation to GVAS by John Farmer. Vehicle Sold.  
Gate Combination Change: Not at this time.  
Board and Excel are the only organizations who need to know the combination. If gate is found open again, we will change the combination then.  
Volunteer Hours/Google Docs: PJ TBD  
Binoculars: All binoculars kept in education shed on the preserve property (PJ).

John and Ruth Farmer vehicle donation: SOLD: \$35,250

2023 Honda Passport EXL. 3,650 miles, 3.5L engine, leather interior, sunroof, a trailer hitch, and WeatherTech front floor mats. It is gray with a black interior. Lots of bells and whistles. Suggested value: \$35,000

John and Ruth Farmer cash donation: \$3500

We will make a plack for a bench and have it placed in the preserve.

**Webmaster:**

Tina

Western Slope Outdoor Volunteers: GVAS volunteer events can be placed on this site. GVAS/Tina sends the volunteer opportunity to WSOV and they put it on their site. Put their link on our website.

Rack Card/Stickers are now available:

Bingo prize at Ramblebine. Use at any event we host.

Farmers Market Table

Open

Fruita	\$25
Palisade	\$55
Grand Junction	\$40

Other non profits advise setting up at farmers market is very effective.  
Who? When? What?

Tina downloaded a Free Calendar app onto GVAS website that she has been posting events on. The Free version only allows 10 events ever to be listed. We are over the limit and now asked to pay \$8 /mo. Board approved annual subscription.

**Neon:**

Difficulty - email verification - sending out Email newsletters to our group. Neon shows an error message, regarding "the sender's email has not been verified". Tina has reached out to the Co. chapters to see if anyone uses Neon and can help.

Tina

**Bird Banding Position**

Cary and Karen have an interview 5/21 with Zach Fitzner.

Cary

**Wetlands Restoration:** Abby/25K for GVAS

No further information at this time

Cary

**Fundraising:**

Fund Raiser Hot Tomato/Aaron September 26 Thursday locals night  
Program: Bird Bander 1% of September profits to GVAS Pam

Fund Raiser Ramblevine/Nicole/50th celebration (belated) Tina  
Still coordinating with Ramblevine for a 50th Reunion on Monday, June 17th (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) from 4:30 - 7:30. Shannon's band – Troy Douglas Band is set to play. It will be outside on the patio. Ramblevine said they are maxed out for beer proceeds for this year. Pie/ice cream from Village Inn. PJ - bingo mixer flyer.

Fund Raiser Colorado Gives/November Tina  
Tina will call The Sentinel to be in their special supplement

Fund Raiser Pablo's Pizza Logan

Fund Raiser Trail Life Brewery "Grain for Good" TBD/OPEN

Fund Raiser Timberline Bank TBD/OPEN

Fund Raiser REI Cary

Wild Flight Band offered to play at a GVAS event/free. TBD

**Volunteer Committee**

No further information.

Pam

**Preserve Maintenance** :Randy Crawford/Preserve Coordinator

[rcrawford2024@gmail.com](mailto:rcrawford2024@gmail.com)

**Membership:** 208 local members as of May

Pam

**BIRD WALKS:**

Pam J.

5/18	Brett	Horsethief Cyn SWA	3 attended
5/25	Nic	Owl Banding	
6/5	Logan	Uncompahgre	
6/26	Logan	Upper Monument	
June 17th		50th Celebration	
June x		Retreat	PJ will poll board for dates.
July		Retreat	
July 6th		Roaring Fork Hike	PJ will check with friend

August		Retreat	
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**PROGRAMS:**

**Pam**

May 20	Poetry	Africa Fauna II	Tamara
Fall 2024		Lead Poisoning	Mark Richman
September		Dolores Monument	Conservation Colorado Anna Hinjosa

CCA advises there are many protections already in place for Dolores Monument designation.

**Spring Bird Count** 5/15 thru 5/18/24 Wed - Sat Shannon  
Some leaders concerned accepting a shared ebird list will put those species in their personal lists.

Newcomers Birding Group:

Janet had GVAS Bird Walks put in Newcomers monthly newsletter/due 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Also, forwarded the GVAS email blast to those individuals on the Newcomers Birding Group. This group has been disbanded due to loss of their leader.

**Count Data CBC/Spring/Tumacandbac**

Janet

Tumacandbac data 2024 Track via Ebird  
Spring Bird Count 2024 Track via Ebird/group reports to Denise Vollmar.  
CBC

Janet provided Doug Diekman with all documents necessary to transfer CBC Coordinator duties to him. Meeting 5/20 set up cancelled.  
Janet will do compilation of the CBC. Doug will determine if he wants to use Ebird exclusively for CBC counts.

**Social Media:**

Logan

**Conservation:**

Nic

**Board Recruitment:**

ALL

**Next Meeting:**

June 17th Ramblebine 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
June x Retreat