

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING EMAIL MINUTES

Monday April 17, 2023 – No In Person Meeting – Email Only

Board Members: Cary, Larry, Logan, Tina, JAG, Nic, Chuck, Pam, Meredith

Email Vote: Chronolog.io \$200 annual fee **APPROVED**

Chronolog.io, the service responsible for providing the sign and software in perpetuity charge \$200 annually. This ongoing cost was not portrayed in the initial affirmative vote. Treasurer, Larry, affirmed we have the funds. 7 affirmative votes to pay the \$200 annual fee.

Email Vote: Chronolog.io location A **APPROVED**

Logan, Janet, Tina, Cary, Nic. (Pam passed)

A: Facing SSE at Osprey pond near the RFT, across the gravel trail from the octagon informational sign; foot traffic and trackable visual content taken into consideration.

Email Vote: Free Membership for Silent Auction/Art Center **APPROVED** (Pam, Tina, Cary)

Judy V. is in charge of the Silent Auction for the Art Center Guild. She asked if GVAS could donate a year's membership and has made a gift card. Pam and the executive committee decision is yes!

Grant Approval: CPW Wetlands for Wildlife

Meredith applied for this grant in February and it was approved and fully funded for \$27,517. This grant plus the money GVAS is getting from USFWS/BOR will go towards the irrigation infrastructure (\$150,000) Phase 2 of the wetlands project making it fully funded!

May Vote Needed: Design for Preserve Signage

Logan emailed the first draft of the preserve replacement signage for review, edits, and suggestions. The logo was left off of the welcome sign because the adjacent Ela sign will have it and that could suffice. QR Code will be included.

Preserve Work Day 4/29/23 Cottonwood Trees:

Larry

Chuck is planning to transplant 5 cottonwood trees (Mike's trees) from the Osprey Pond to the west side of the Lucy Ela pond. Yancy will be there about 1:00 with his atv to help move the trees. Chuck hopes to have the new holes dug in the morning and is looking for a work team to help dig up the trees and move and replant them.

Newsletter emailed April 20, 2023.

Tina

Fund Raiser Tiffany Kersten

Tina

Sara Sharpe and Secret Garden will cater the June 14 event (6pm - 8-8:30pm)
Range of guests: 50-80 max (\$15 per person)

The registration for Birdwalk and Program are on the website, linked o NEON (\$30/person)

Caterer will provide 5 appetizer selections:

- Bacon-wrapped mini potatoes with horseradish sauce
- Indonesian Chicken Saté with peanut sauce
- Hummus with dippers
- Crostini with lemon-ricotta and garlic/rosemary roasted tomatoes (some for vegan, too)
- Pita pizza triangles with Spinach/caramelized onions

Cary checking if the church has plates, otherwise we will get paper

Sara will provide napkins, set-up at catering table (starting at 5pm) (Tina, Cary, Pam)

GVAS to provide sparkling water and cups (will shop Sam's club)

Artwork for a postcard with QR code for registration completed (please check QR code)

Tina coordinate with Angela for **postcard** production

Tina working on a **press release** for fundraiser to go to media outlets.

Advertising:

Radio coordination Cary

Radio Spots will be broadcast end of April through May.

Print coordination Tina

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visitgrandjunction.com We can list our event here.

Post Cards:

Angela Barnes has ordered 80 post cards and will place the majority at Wild Birds Unlimited by Friday, 5/12/23.

Prize Drawings:

We have a box of bird items from Judy Vanderleest's mother-in-law for drawings at the June Fundraiser.

NeonOne Update

Tina

Tina met with Cara and went over creating events, registration, reminders in Neon

Currently set-up: Birdwalks and Fundraiser are all created & linked on website

In NEON - learning how to create Enews to replace the Mailchimp account

Sent out first enews to 900 addresses and there were 335 opens in 24 hrs!

3 people signed up for Tiffany's Birdwalk

Number of records in Neon – 2500 or 5000

Larry: New package in Neon, we have the choice of being able to accommodate either 2,500 records (donors, members, and their updates/renewals) or 5,000 records.

Tina: 2500 records is acceptable (1080 on our membership list).

Conservation Report:

Nic

NIC attended by Zoom, the ACC meeting on Saturday 4/1/23.

ACC would like someone to be on the policy subcommittee. This would entail participating in zoom meetings with Jen Boulton (Lobbyist) periodically. These may be

once/month and are typically on Friday. The subcommittee mostly makes decisions on which bills in the statehouse require ACC to take a position

Audubon Rockies is doing a series of leadership zoom seminars. Audubon Rockies is asking for other such presentations. I think the funding and work partnerships history of the efforts at our preserve would fit this perfectly

There is now a CFO rep on ACC. They would very much like to find a West Slope board member AND the Colorado Birding Challenge.

Both our Land Use (SB23-213) and Mobile Home Parks Water Quality (HB23-1257) bills got recently introduced at the legislature! Nic provided actions that members could take to support these bills.

Next Meeting: 3rd Monday May 15th, 4:30-6:30 pm Presbyterian Church
Facilitator: OPEN