

**GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER
September 2023 Minutes**

Monday September 18th, 2023 4:30 – 6:30
Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

PRESENT: Larry, Pam, Tina, Nic, Chuck, Meredith

REGRETS: Cary, Janet, Logan

APPRECIATION: Thank-you Tina for a great job on August meeting minutes! Congratulations Logan on upcoming marriage!

Finance: Larry

NeonOne: Tina/Pam

Thank-you Post Cards \$100 are on hold until **Pam/Cary** can meet
Tina will add verbiage to the website so people provide email.

Webmaster: Tina

Webmaster/Colorado Gives Day Tina

Janet got GVAS registered by the due date: 8/31/23. Tina has access to GVAS Organization page and will review what is involved to having a successful campaign.

User Name: jagbell2@gmail.com

Password: GVAS1211#

Link: <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Grand-Valley-Audubon-Society>

Newsletter: Tina
CBC "Save the Date" Dec. 17, 2023 Grand Junction/Jan. 1, 2024 Mesa

Wetlands Restoration Project: Meredith

Meredith reviewed the engineering plans for Phase 2 of the Wetlands Improvement Project. Ducks Unlimited would like to put the plans out to bid on October 2 and she needs the Board consent to approve the plans. She will review the plans with Cary Atwood who is not in attendance, separately.

Bird Banding Dates: Sept 18-Oct 13 Cary

Public Bird Banding Day Cary

WHEN: 7:30-10:30 am on Sept. 23

WHERE: at the Audubon Nature Preserve, 610 Dike Road, Grand Junction

WHAT: During those hours members with the society will be catching, counting and banding various species of migratory birds.

GVAS BioBlitz Logan

WHEN: 8 am to noon on Sept. 23

WHERE: at the Audubon Nature Preserve, 610 Dike Road, Grand Junction

WHAT: Join the fun as experts and novices will photograph and identify as many species as they

can in a certain area.

BIRDWALKS: 8 am and 10:30 am

A BioBlitz is a “big day” where expert and novice naturalists alike set out to photograph and identify as many different species as possible in a given area for a day. All types of life are countable, including birds, insects, plants, reptiles, mammals, fish, fungi, microorganisms, and more. The resulting photos and identification data is compiled using iNaturalist by community volunteers, which allows us to summarize the results. BioBlitz events are held in many communities throughout the world.

In conjunction with our annual Public Bird Banding Day and National Public Lands Day, Grand Valley Audubon Society will be holding our second Bioblitz at our 58 acre nature preserve at 610 Dike Rd, GJ, on Saturday, September 23rd! If you can make it to Grand Junction, we'd love to have you!

GVAS Bioblitz 2022 Results

245 photos were taken and 128 species were identified. Birding highlights included solitary sandpiper, warbling vireo, common nighthawk, and western grebe. We also detected some unusual plant species that haven't been observed on the preserve for a number of years, including Arizona century and grand redstem. Tamarisk beetles, a biocontrol against invasive tamarisk, were located in the area where they have never been released, presumably by migrating up the river corridor and onto the property.

Collaboration for Volunteers: _____

~~Wed. Sept. 6: 5-8 pm, Trail Life Brewery. Advertise it in the next GVAS News and with email blasts. Website link: <https://www.westslopeoutdoorvolunteers.org/>~~

Fund Raiser – Pablo’s Pizza – September 2023

Logan

GVAS will be featured at Pablos Pizza for the month of September. They have been raising between \$750-\$1200 the last few months!

Fund Raiser – Hot Tomato

Pam

Pam will talk to Hot Tomato for possibly the month of May 2024.

Fund Raiser – Ramblevine

Open

Ramblevine volunteer needed.

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Preserve Maintenance volunteer or paid position:

Cary (Pam)

Mike in Ridgeway for ideas on job description, time required, pay estimate.

Preserve Maintenance:

Chuck(Logan,Larry)

Berkeley Reece Sanctuary No Parking signs

Chuck

Weeds need cutting

Beaver wire on trees

Logan

GVAS Fence on Private Property

Preserve Maintenance: Signs

Logan

Also,

Meredith suggested changes to the Donate Square. Business card design and single sided option will work. Quote: \$1,578 (higher than original estimate of \$1,084). Logan submitted proofs and proposal for board approval.

Social Media

Logan

Transparency with GVAS:

Pam

Pam commented on Transparency with GVAS – what this means and how to become more transparent with our updates and projects will be at next meeting.

Audubon Leadership Conference:

Pam

Registration Aug. 1-10 for Nov. 2-5 in Estes Park

Membership

Pam

August: 179 Local Members / 400 National Members

Pam – coordinate with Cara to set up an easier way to input amounts in to Neon.

Bird Walks

Pam

Birdwalk donations: \$5/Member \$10/Non-member

9/23	Bioblitz	8 am and 10:30 am	
9/19	Granite Falls	Nic Korte	

Programs

Pam

9/18	First Presbyterian	Poetry intro: Program: Prairie Dogs	Mindy Rice, Parachute Program: Eric Rechel
10/16	First Presbyterian	Poetry intro: Mark Fuller/Rebecca Wise	Aspen Birds (book)
11/20	First Presbyterian	Poetry Intro Program:	
12/18	First Presbyterian	Poetry Intro: Program: CBC results???	CBC 12/17/23

Conservation

Nic

Regarding the Oil and Gas issue, **Conservation Colorado** would like someone to submit an LTE supporting the position that I suspect all of us would take. Nic is not available. Let Nic know if you are willing to review the letter they prepare and submit it as a private citizen. No obligation. If you don't like the letter, or want to modify it, that's fine, but it would be good if we could help them out and get a letter in supporting the limits to leases.

The **League of Women Voters** is having a sitevisit/workshop at a ranch near Meeker that is doing some watershed restoration. If anyone would like to attend, let Nic know and he'll send the info.

BLM's new proposal for oil and gas leasing: [BLM proposes major limits to local oil, gas leasing | News | gjsentinel.com](#) . Contact Nic with questions.

Owl preparation season: Contact Nic (Logan)
Anyone who wants to climb ladders and clean out owl boxes.

Christmas Bird Count: **Janet**
Dates Set: Dec. 17, 2023 in Grand Junction – Jan. 1, 2024 in Mesa

Board Recruitment **All**

Next Meeting: **October 16th 4:30 – 6:30 Presbyterian Church**
Facilitator: **Open**