

Minutes: September 19th, 2022
GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING
3rd Monday of each Month, 5 – 6:15pm
Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

PRESENT: Nic, Cary, Logan, Pam, Larry, Janet, Hunter
REGRETS: Chuck, Tina

WELCOME & APPRECIATIONS: Pam
Compliments to the board from a member; great job on Bioblitz. Thank-you to Hunter's parents who helped water the plants on the preserve.

FINANCIAL REPORT Larry
Board agreed on Official Signers: Cary, Nic, Larry
Financial Audit/CPA: Having our CPA do an annual audit would cost \$10-18,000.
Board decided to not do an audit at this time.
Larry provided print out of financials as of August 2022. We had unexpected expense from DU for over \$13,000.
Larry will obtain a list of donated funds from Meredith dedicated to Audubon.
Current available funds: \$19,000. Larry is more comfortable with a balance of \$50,000.
Peter Robinson donated \$20,000 life insurance policy. We expect a band birding gift in the amount of \$10,000. Larry cancelled Constant Contact because we are using Mail Chimp. Need to focus this year on fund raising and membership dues.

SECRETARY REPORT JAG
Minutes of the Retreat 8/7 were approved.
JAG will review the Retreat Minutes to ensure all tasks are included on the To Do List.
Secretary will send out the generic agenda meeting to the designated leader for each monthly meeting.

WEBMASTER/MARKETING Pam (Tina)
Tina submitted a proposal to produce the GBH Newsletter as well as to become Membership Chair using the NEON data base. **Larry** will contact Tina to obtain more detailed annual financial costs. **Pam** will get together with Tina and Judy B regarding training with Neon.
Neon Costs: \$179 vs \$199 per month to have both donations and memberships. Larry inquired if we want to pay the add'l \$20 per month for the additional functionality. **Pam** will speak to Judy B and get her opinion and respond to Larry at the next meeting.
The board approved Tina as a board member
Tina will set up a site where we can list our volunteer opportunities possibly patterned after the volunteer page for the Colorado Native Plant Society.

Fall Newsletter Article Submissions due 9/30 for 10/15 production

BioBlitz	Logan
Banding	Cary
Past Pres	Cary
Survey	Pam
Trip Report	Shannon/Dave
Conservation	Nic

Book	Nic	
CBC		Janet Save the Date, List of Leaders Areas
Grand Mesa BC		Janet Save the Date
Insectorary		Save the Date

Tina will send out one last set of hard copies notifying that after this round will stop.

SOCIAL MEDIA **Logan** 10

We have had a lot of events and migration articles to post. Go to the site: Bird Cast
 We have no criteria by which to determine which articles to post. Logan advised that information about the local chapter information is most viewed. We receive information from: Citizen’s Climate Lobby, Colorado Water Plan Petition, Wikipedia Edit-a-thon, DFO Zoom Meetings etc

CONSERVATION **Nic**

Audubon CO. Council has a meeting however, Nic cannot attend by zoom. October 1st 8-10am Provide a mini chapter report. **Hunter** will attend.
 It’s time to inspect Owl Boxes
 Mark Denise do long eared owl work and **Nic** will participate with them.
 Fishing line information is accumulated and **Nic** will follow up.
Nic will cover rotary (March 2023). Veterans program will be covered by **Nic**.
 Lead brochures have been distributed. Completed.

WETLANDS RESTORATION **Cary**

Logan was at sage grouse event where they discussed using “sand paint” to be used as a deterrent for beaver in place of wire cages. **Logan** has the “recipe” for the paint and will contact Chuck to set up a work day at the preserve to paint the trees. Owl nest basket went down due to a beaver.

Cary advised we need to revisit the Phase 3 proposal of moving water to the north and east side of property. An open ditch requires maintenance and has liability issues. It is preferable to use a covered pipe but would cost an additional \$100,000. Cary feels confident that our chapter can find the money (\$100,000). Although Meredith is the Wetlands Coordinator, Abby is being kept in the loop to work with DU to insure transparency and that this is Audubon’s project. **Audubon Rockies/Abby** will generate a memo of understanding for all parties.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT **Cary**

Cary met with Dale about the RV. T4 is dropping trees and Cary advised Dale to use some of this wood to use as barriers along the road. Dale and Cary also reviewed some old cottonwood trees with a volunteer on 29 Road which might be able to be used as a barrier. We need a **Volunteer** to put up signs which are already purchased and stored in shed. Dale will pay for 50% of the signs.

BIRD BANDING **Cary**

Everything is set. Cary has open days October 13th and 14th Thursday Friday. She would like to bring in home schoolers or some private schools: Caprock Academy, Holy Family, Eureka Science Center, CCA, CMU Joanne Varner. Banding will still occur.

PRESERVE/PROPERTY **Chuck**
New door on shed and painted by Larry.

PROGRAMS **Pam**
Logan will provide summary of the findings from the Bioblitz and put it on FB and Newsletter. **Logan** will send out thank-you cards. **Nic** will send Gina a thank-you email. Netted \$40 and gained a volunteer.
Pam will start announcing requests for volunteers at each meeting.
September: request for volunteers for the preserve.

MEMBERSHIP DATA:
Mail Chimp: 700 contacts
Paper Copies: 19
FB: 730 contacts
National Members in our county: 589
Local Chapter Members: 129
Pam provided our membership circle: Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco
Pam is completing the chapter contact information for Daly.
Pam has a list of Volunteer Hours master list.

BIRD WALKS **Pam**
None scheduled at this time. Pam will announce at the September meeting whether attendees would be interested in leading or participating in informal meet ups for bird watching.

PROGRAMS: Let Pam know of other ideas.
Oct 17 Insectary 3pm Nov/Open Dec/Open

FUND RAISING
Hot Tomato **Pam**
Ramblevine Brewery **Cary**
Mailer: **Logan, Tina, and Cary** will work on this.
Need a **volunteer** to make a list of expenses that people might step up and pay for.
EX: Zoom: \$14/month

BOARD RECRUITMENT **Pam** 5
Abby Burke/possible conflict of interest, Bill Miller, VickiLarry Nees, Lauri Beri-Shuler, Ken Pill/Tina, PJ Jansson/Nic, Steve Williams moved here/Preserve.

Next Meeting: Hunter Harmon
3rd Monday OCTOBER 17th 5-6:15 pm Insectary Break Room