

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING **MINUTES**

Monday **January 16th, 2023**

3rd Monday of each Month, 4:30 – 6:30pm

Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

Facilitator: Hunter Harmon

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

REGRETS: JAG

GUESTS: Abby Burk

WELCOME & APPRECIATIONS

Hunter

Larry's team for CBC dinner. David Price for spearheading reports at dinner.

Thanks to Nic for the KREX Channel 5 Interview. Thank you to all of the participants in the Grand Valley CBC this year.

Abby Burk, Western Rivers Coordinator for Audubon Rockies attended our board meeting and spoke about the water issues in the West. She also has been instrumental in making numerous funding connections for our Wetlands project. Abby suggested we put up a QR code at the preserve so people can make donations. **Cary** is the point person to look into it. Abby cannot be a formal member of our board as it may present a conflict of interest due to her involvement with our grant writing.

FINANCE

Larry

Larry advised we have \$2500 in our budget to sponsor a child for this Bird Camp. **Cary** is the point person to find an applicant.

Board approved to pay up to \$1000 to Tiffany Kersten for her presentation. Angela Barnes will donate additional funds.

Board approved to pay \$35/hr for 2hrs weekly to Cara K for work performed on Neon.

SECRETARY

JAG

Minutes 11/14/22 Finalized added comments. Approved.

No December 2022 Board Meeting.

Letter to those receiving hard copy of newsletter **JAG** No action yet taken.

See Email Reports for Parade of Lights 12/3/22, GJ CBC/Dinner, Mesa CBC, and Tumacnac Schedule.

NOTE: Due to the guest speaker, several agenda items needed to be postponed to the February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Perk:

Pam/Tina

Tina and Pam will set up a meeting to review *email lists*; active vs non active members; and benefits of membership vs non member. Pam and Tina will review the *post card mailings* for increased membership ideas.

Annual Report:

Hunter

Hunter passed around the Annual Report for review and it was decided that our primary goals were:

1. Preserve Wetlands Enhancements
2. Fund Raising.
3. Signage Improvements (new kiosk, QR Code)

Logan will research signage options for kiosk and QR Code etc.

Hunter will have the report submitted by 1/31/23.

Volunteer Hour Tracking is a requirement for the Annual Report. At a minimum, we should at least make an attempt to track major volunteer hours of our board, bird counts, etc. This is a To Do Item on our Volunteer Needed List.

Storage:

Banners and supplies for the Parade Float will be stored at the preserve in the pump house. Owl boxes (22 new boxes) will be stored in the south shed.

WEBMASTER/MARKETING

Tina

Tina sent out email requesting newsworthy items from all members for the Winter Newsletter deadline 1/18/23. Tina will contact Abby Burk for an article on Water in the West.

MEMBERSHIP/NEON

Pam

Cara K of Rivers Edge West provided Pam with a written proposal of \$35/hr for 2 hrs weekly to assist us with NEON duties. **Pam** passed the proposal around and will **email** it to all members. Board Approved.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Logan (postponed to Feb meeting)

Beaver paint (Spring 2023)

CONSERVATION

Nic (postponed to Feb meeting)

SPRING BIRD COUNT (Date/s) Discussion Result:

Nic Korte

CFO Participation: Pinyon Jay [CFO's Pinyon Jay Community Science Project webpage](#)

Wilderness Workshop's efforts on the Thompson Divide

WETLANDS RESTORATION

Cary (postponed)

CONSERVATION EASEMENT

Signage expenses reimbursement/Dale

Cary (postponed)

Roadside erosion/Smith/ Redlands Power

Larry

PRESERVE/PROPERTY

Chuck (postponed)

Weeds/Mike Berry/Remote Weeds

Cary

New Team Member needed

Add another cage/trees before spring 2023

Water trees/January 2023

List of preserve work/volunteers

Chuck/Larry

BIRD WALKS

Pam

Several requests have been made for leaders of trips but it has been difficult to recruit new leaders. Our TUMACNBAC trips are Full.

PROGRAMS:

Pam

February 20th	Renee Herring	Madagascar
March 20th	Whit Blair	Gunnison Sage Grouse
April 17th	Abby Burk	Water in the West
May 15th		
June 14 th 2023		Tiffany Kersten tentative

Board approved to pay up to \$1000 to Tiffany for her presentation. Her visit would be treated as a Fund Raising Event.
Other possible programs may be Steve Beck (author) or a program on white tailed prairie dogs with a field trip

FUND RAISING:

OPEN (Chair is needed)

CO Gives and Giving Tuesday

JAG (no action yet taken)

BOARD RECRUITMENT

Ongoing/ALL

Next Meeting Facilitator:

Pam

3rd Monday February 20th 4:30-6:30 pm Presbyterian Church

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING EMAIL REPORTS

Monday January 16th, 2022

Parade of Lights 12/3/22 Report:

Hunter

Good job! Fun evening. Total Cost within budget (registration/banners): \$390.54
Main Supplies Storage in one of the sheds at the Preserve.
(framed wood for the side of the trailer, lights, blow-ups)

GJ CBC/Dinner Report

Overall Cost: \$ Planned for 50 participants. 25 in attendance. It was a fun evening. Food was excellent and plentiful. Chili was a little spicy for some not for others. David Price took charge of the leader reports. Vollmars got the Trophy for the long eared owl. It was a cold, sunny day and the river was almost too icy to navigate but both sets of rafters braved the water. Bird numbers appeared down. Janet knows of 7 new people who signed up to participate. Harriet Stephens (compiler), Shannon Young (Spring Bird Count) and JAG will meet in January to review the final compilation of the GJ CBC and get that information out to all of you.

Next Time:

Consider having the dinner follow Count Sunday on our regularly scheduled Monday meeting at the church. Send out a broad invitation to all members and if a member participates in the count the dinner is free; charge for members who do not participate

but want to come to the dinner. Have this be a celebratory holiday meeting. Require RSVP's so we know how many to plan for.

Mesa CBC Report (David Price)

The CBC was completed in surprisingly warm weather, mid 40's at the elevation of the town of Mesa. Very windy though. Threatening snow on top of the mesa in the morning, snow showers by afternoon. Some very icy conditions on less traveled side roads. Couldn't access the top of the mesa due to road closure for avalanche control. 18 participants. Nancy Winnie joined Price group. Everyone felt the number of species and birds was down, unfavorable conditions certainly a factor. No summary completed yet, suspect total # of species will be about 50.

Tumacac Field Trips 2023 Report David Price

Thursday, January 19 Linda Chittum & Ada Jones

Thursday, January 26 Ron Lambeth

Sunday, January 29 Brett Walker

Wednesday, February 1 Mike Henwood

Friday, February 3 Julie & Bill Schneider

Saturday, February 4 Erin Jones

Sunday, February 5 Brett Walker