

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING MAY MINUTES

Monday May 15, 2023 4:30 – 6:30

Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

Facilitator: Pam Lauman

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

REGRETS: Meredith, Cary, Logan

GUESTS: Ana Hinjosa from Conservation Colorado stopped by at the end of the board meeting to introduce herself.

Conservation Colorado:

CC works at statewide level on advocacy and policy on water, climate, and public lands. Ana wants to get the Western Slope opinions out to the Denver legislature. Tina obtained Ana's email to get her on our email blasts. Ana provided us a flyer on a program CC is putting on regarding the Dolores River, 5/24 at Mesa Theatre at 7pm. Free.

Presbyterian Church Login

Login: FPC Guest

Password: to follow Christ

Appreciation: Thank-you to Tina for all the work done on the Fund Raiser and to all of the bird walk leaders.

Vote Approved: Design for Preserve Signage was approved by email per board members present.

Logan is waiting to get the QR Code.

Vote Approved: Neon One Price Increase

New price will cost \$40.00 more per month than we are currently paying but only \$20.00 more per month than the price quoted when the record tier was a factor.

Votes to Approve: Pam, Nic, Janet, Larry, Cary, Tina

Finance:

Larry

We have been fully reimbursed by DU.

Amount raised from Hot Tomato fund raiser \$ 1890.00

Budget Estimate Fund Raiser (Income vs Expense): **Janet** will provide details.

Fund Raiser Tiffany Kersten

Pam, Cary, Tina, Angela

Board Members Attending: Pam, Cary, Larry, Tina

Regrets: Nic, Janet, Chuck

Less than 10 people have purchased tickets according to Tina's recent count. Tina, Pam and Angela Barnes have put in a lot of time organizing the catering, putting out News Blasts and connecting with Tiffany and creating mini handouts. Spread the word.

Master of Ceremony: Pam Lauman, Tina, Cary

Event Caterer: Secret Garden (Sara Sharpe)

Advertising Completed.

Calendar for Visit GJ

Tina

Bird Walk 6/14 7:30-10:30am

Volunteer Birders to support Kersten:

2 names still needed

Online Registration Form Completed

NeonOne Upgrade

Tina/Pam

Mailchimp transition - Tina continues to work on it

Thank-you Post Cards \$100 are on hold until Pam/Cary can meet

Email blasts are completely transferred over to Neon.

When people renew membership by snail mail we need to get their email address. **Tina**

will add verbiage to the website so people provide email.

WESO Banding Day 5/27 9am

Nic

There have been many inquiries to attend. Nic won't know the first couple of addresses until Nic checks the nests for fledgings.

Bird Trip to Ecuador

Shannon made an announcement at the May meeting.

Holbrook provides our chapter \$500.00

Webmaster:

Tina

Many corrections have been made to the website. Pam will meet with Tina and review the website together. Some people have advised not getting the email blasts and/or

newsletter but Tina has combined all lists. As omissions are received, Tina will review.

The latest newsletter for Spring 2023 not yet on website. Tina will get it on.

Tina is sending emails out to more than 900 in our Neon system and gets 400 opens.

The E-newsletter is now coming from NEON as of 4/24/23

Wetlands Restoration Project

Cary/Meredith

CPW Wetlands for Wildlife grant approved and fully funded for \$27,517. Phase 2 of the wetlands project is fully funded!

Meredith is working on the paperwork to start accessing the funds from USFWS/BOR.

In total for Phase 2 & 3 they are giving us about \$750,000! (Note USFWS/BOR is

paying for all of phase 3.) Meredith will add up the budgets for all three phases of this

project and estimate it's around \$1.5 million. (Some questions regarding the accuracy of \$1.5m)

Preserve Maintenance volunteer or paid position

Point Person: ??

List of Duties/Job Description needs to be written so that we can request monies from members to fund this position.

What are the job duties?

How much time is required per week? Per month?

Preserve Maintenance

Logan/Chuck/Larry

How will we water trees this summer? The pump is made for clear water and not designed for the Colorado River. When it breaks down it is difficult to find a vendor who can fix it quickly. Chuck thinks the pump will get us through this summer.

Lock on the Preserve gate was broken. New heavy duty chain and lock was installed but Larry does not know who fixed it. Thank-you! The wagon is missing.

Chronolog.iu status: Larry sent in the funds for the registration for Chronolog. "Berkeley Reece Sanctuary No Parking" signs up? Not up yet. **Chuck**
 Debris out of the culvert: Logan cleaned out the culvert on the north side. Water is too high to clean out the south side. The transplanted cottonwood trees are under water now to the high water level of the Colorado River. 2 more trees to move still. **Chuck**

Preserve Work Day Earth Day 4/29/23 8-noon

Smallest turn out in a long time. A few Boy Scouts helped out and are looking for more volunteer projects. Highest priority was taking out the 5 cottonwoods and transplanting them. No work completed on beaver wire on trees. **Logan**

Bio Blitz Day 9/23/23 TBD **Logan**

Coordinate Bio Blitz day late May
 Logan has the contact information for the Boy Scouts.

Social Media TBD **Logan**

Spring-Christmas Bird Count

The Merlin app can be used during bird counts; however, the actual species and count of birds needs to be verified by the leader or member of the team.

Conservation Nic

Screech Owl Bird Banding Day Saturday May 27th 9am (Open to Public)
Mountain Island Ranch on DS Road survey is underway. Nic/Whit involved. Ranchers trying to do the right thing with acreage. Private land so not overused.

Fox Squirrels – We did not hear back from the CMU Club.

Hawk Migration Association of NA/Tumacacbac Data Nic/Cary

Review the Tumacacbac data and extract the dates and data to provide this information to the Hawk Migration Assn. Cary has Karen's hard drive. **Carol** is willing to review the data on the hard drive. **Nic** will let Cary know. We have the data but we need to tie it to the exact date of the trip. Exact locations are not needed.

Membership Pam

180 members in GVAS
 Pam follows up on failed membership attempts.

Bird Walks

One bird walk leader does not think we should charge for walks. Pam

5/7	Logan	Devil's Kitchen \$10	6-9
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	Wagner Whit Blair		
5/12	Nic Korte	Granite Falls	18 people attended from subdivision
5/21	Brett Walker Dave Price	Pollock Bench \$10	6:30
6/14	Tiffany Kersten	Preserve/Conn.Lakes \$15	7:30 – 10:30
TBD	Cary	TBD	

Granite Falls area is small and once the subdivision has its signage up, we may be able to do a walk there with a small number of participants.

Nancy Winne Town of Mesa nancy.winne@gmail.com 970-260-702 Find out what kind of property she has and we might be able to have a walk in summer.

Programs

Pam

Pam or Logan will get programs into Tammy at Sentinel/Your Town. Tina will send in the 2 bird walk information.

Program presenters: If you are going to show photos please talk about them during the program.

Mark Fuller/Rebecca Wise have written a book about birds in Aspen so they may be willing to do a program.

One program could be several mini programs: cats, lead, access to places, palm oil.

05/15/2023 Monday	First Presbyterian	Abby Burk	Water issues
06/14/2023 Wed.	First Presbyterian	Tiffany Kersten	Big Year Birder Fund Raiser
July	NA	NA	NA
August	NA	NA	NA
9/18	First Presbyterian	Prairie Dogs	Eric Rechel
October	First Presbyterian	Barbara Churchley (tentative)	Photography

Board Recruitment

Pam will contact Hunter.

ALL

Next Meeting: June 14th Tiffany Kersten Fund Raiser
Master of Ceremonies: Pam Lauman, Cary, Tina