

GVAS RETREAT - ONGOING ITEMS – Two of Two

August 7, 1- 4 pm 1136 Periwinkle Lane

Facilitators: Janet Gallenstein, Pam Lauman

Present: Cary, Nic, Larry, Chuck, Pam, JAG, Logan

Regrets: Hunter, Meredith, Tina

**Survey Monkey Results:** Tina (Webmaster). Pam reports.

We received 73 responses but we can only access 40. Pam and Tina are trying to figure out how to obtain the remaining responses. Pam passed out a printed copy of the 40 responses. **Pam** will work with Tina to find out if Neon can do surveys since we already pay for Neon. Survey Monkey is very expensive \$900.

**Pam** plans to share with our membership. Need to discuss how to do this once we get all our data.

**Membership/Neon:** Tina (Webmaster). Pam reports.

Pam spoke to Tina about taking on Neon and revising letters for membership as well as other membership issues. Tina will submit a proposal for her costs. **Pam** will review with Larry and put it out to the board for a vote of approval.

**Programs:** Pam (Program Chair)

Monday, August 22            7:30?            Bats    Dan Newbaum            (Pam)

This program will be at the Bat Bridge, specific location to be sent out later. **Pam** will send generic description to Logan and Tina to be posted. Dan will send more details later. **Chuck** will check with Clifton Elementary to see if we can park at the school and carpool.

Saturday, September 17    8-4            Preserve BioBlitz            (Logan)

Meredith suggested the BioBlitz and Logan is spear heading the project at the Preserve. Logan is arranging for specialists in 3 areas to review the “contents” of the preserve: birds, insects and plants. Specialists from CSU Extension Office, D51 will work with volunteers on walks to identify birds, insects, and plants on the preserve property. He has set up a page on INaturalist where the entries from the day will be recorded. He will provide instructions on how to enter findings. Advertising for the event will be on social media, webpage, and posters created by Logan. Logan will drop off posters at **Birds Unlimited**. **Chuck** will assist with putting up posters. **Nic** volunteered to lead a bird walk. **Pam** volunteered to do a table. **Logan** will continue to follow up with all participants to put this day together. Thankyou Meredith and Logan!

OCTOBER            Falconry-Kevin Humphrey            (Pam)

**Pam** is working with Kevin to secure a date he can present his program at one of our regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday dates or could we do this on the Bird Banding day? Pam will check with him.

SEPTEMBER            Insectary            (Hunter)

Hunter is looking into a date to provide a tour of the insectary in Palisade.

Other Possible Programs:

Master gardener/native plants (Chuck)

Mini topics-cats, lead, open pipes, birdability, bystander intervention

Pam attended an Audubon Zoom program for bystander intervention where the presenter provided 5 interventions you could use and were most comfortable with when needing to respond to any situation where racist, sexist, or inappropriate actions occur, such as someone in a bird walk that may have made an inappropriate comment.

Water Issues Abby Burke (Chuck)

Highline Lake manager (Hunter)

**Pam** supports trying to have a Hybrid (Zoom/In Person) meetings at our regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday programs.

**Bird Walks:** Pam (Program Chair)

Some volunteer walk leaders have had to cancel due to emergencies. Some leaders and participants requested walks be put on hold until the weather cools down. Nic suggested walks be held on the Grand Mesa.

**Pam** highly supports and will set up Bird Walks where there is no designated leaders but interested birders show up and share their expertise with each other. Other chapters have set these up and they are popular. It is a group effort bird walk. The board discussed setting up these walks on the same day every week at same time and have a car pool location to meet. Grand Mesa could be the destination. **Pam** will review the options and advise the board.

Brett Walker will do bird walk next spring on Roan Plateau.

New Dimensions wants an additional set of people to participate in their bird programs. Photographers do not want to lead programs but they might be willing to join together on a joint walk with no leader or be part of a panel presentation at a regular Monday meeting.

**Preserve:** Chuck (Preserve Chair) Larry

Larry reported someone broke into the pump house and was sleeping in there. Larry reset the door temporarily. Larry obtained 2 quotes to have the door fixed at a cost of \$600. It does not appear anything significant was stolen. Chuck moved and Nic seconded a recommendation to have **Larry** hire a vendor at \$600 to repair the door.

Cary received bids and had some signs made to put up at the property. **Cary** will ask Dale to pay 50% of the cost of the signs. **Chuck** will figure out the best way to get the signs up. **Cary and Chuck** will meet on Tuesday.

Cary reported someone else is camping on the property and she advised Dale Reese to call the police dispatch. The county now has an ordinance where the county can remove someone on private property instead of requiring the owner to remove the person.

Chuck reported that he had hoped Yancey could be Mike's replacement, however, Yancey is ill and may not be readily available. **Cary** has someone in mind to be on the board and focus on the preserve.

Chuck Cary and Mike will water the trees at the preserve soon. Trees are doing great. Mike will give **Chuck** the volunteer list and Chuck will find out what other things Mike does at the preserve. **Chuck** has learned the pump and is pumpmaster. Water levels in the river are lowering and it is getting further and further out to physically get water. Having a wagon rather than a wheel barrel would make the job easier.

Pam asked **Chuck** if he would like reimbursement for gas since he lives further away and will be at the property now that Mike is no longer available. Chuck advised thank-you but not at this time.

**Pam** will provide her trash cans to be used for clean up purposes.

**Bird banding: Cary** (Banding Chair)

Cary has a place for the bander to live and has hired one educator, Nancy Slipca. Cary is trying to recruit more teachers but Audubon needs to pay the teachers. Teachers are needed for one month every day each week from 830 to noon and work with 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Pay \$18.50. 9/19 thru 10/14

Banding day not yet set. Options are;

10/1 International Migratory Bird Day (Bird Day.org)

10/9 Bird Big Day.

Karen Manuel helps recruit people to set up nets and assistants. Possibly we could use some of the BioBlitz volunteers to set up nets.

**CONSERVATION:**

Nic reported on the activities at ACC. See his email for details.

ACC participant needed for "membership" discussion. **Pam** volunteered and **Nic** will forward her the necessary information.

ACC: Lead Poisoning

Posters are available to advise on the dangers of lead poisoning in bullets. It is geared towards hunters. **Pam** will help distribute brochures on lead brochures. Library has been running community talks, maybe this could be one of them.

ACC: Fishing Line

Mack mesa has fishing line tubes. **Nic** will speak with Evergreen person and see what they have implemented for this problem and follow through. Corn Lake is a big problem. **Nic** suggested Laura Johnston might be a good speaker for fishing line as part of a mini program.

CFO: Colorado Birding Challenge \$40,000 were raised.

Dave Price and Logan Wagner participated. CFO ran this.

**Fund Raisers:**

Hot Tomato **Pam** needs to make personal contact  
Ramblevine Brewery **Cary** advised that the brewery is very loud and not advantageous if we want to do a little presentation.

**Social Media:**

Logan advised there is a spike in seasonal bird injuries. The protocol is to call CPW. CPW will euthanize the bird unless it is a raptor. Raptors are transported to the rehab facility in Silt. Need volunteers to transport.

**Potential Board Members**

**All** board members are to continue to talk to people who may be interested in joining us.

**Next Board Meeting: 9/19 5pm**  
**JAG will send out the agenda**  
**Pam will facilitate.**