

GRAND VALLEY AUDUBON BOARD MEETING Minutes

Monday, **November 20th** 2023 4:30 – 6:30

Presbyterian Church Community Room 3940 27 ½ Road

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

GUESTS: Doug Diekman

REGRETS: Janet Gallenstein

APPRECIATION: Meredith for being the point person with the paper trail of county forms and progress reports for the Wetlands Project. Logan for his detailed input on the use of Ebird as a method of compiling data. Tina for getting our Colorado Gives link working. Harriet Stephens for being our compiler of data for all of these years! Logan, Pam, Doug and all who contributed pictures, memories etc of David Price.

NEW BUSINESS

David Price Chapter Memorial - honor Dave at our Christmas Bird Count dinner (See December minutes for summary)

CBC GJ Dinner/Auction:

Chili supper after the Christmas Bird count. Tina is working with her neighbor Sara to make both vegetarian & regular chili. Tina is working on setting up links for people to register for the Christmas Bird Count Dinner. Participants will be free, others will be \$15. Tina reserved the Church for Dec. 18, 5:30 - 8 pm

David Price Family Memorial

What: memorial service for David John Price, hosted by Dave's sister Penny Fee

Where: Ponca State Park, Ponca Nebraska

When: May 31 - June 1 2024

Accommodations: Penny Fee has reserved cabins and will cover the cost. There will be a catered meal.

There will be a day of birding, in Ponca SP which is an eBird hotspot and some other nearby areas.

If you plan to attend please contact Penny Fee at 712-212-5851

Dave's sister Becky okayed publishing her address and brother Al's on the website.

Allen Price, 3710 E. Peony Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57103.

Becky Williams, PO Box 3097, Columbia Falls, MT 59912

A brief notice about Dave's chapter memorial and celebration of life was put out in an email blast and FaceBook.

Dave's Equipment (Doug Diekman)

Dave's Records: Tumacacbac, Spring Bird Count (**who has these records?**)

Compiler Harriet Stephens stepping down

Christmas Bird Count 2023

Janet will compile CBC

Tumacnac 2024 Open
Spring Bird Count 2023 Open (Shannon?)
Both CBC and SBC data are located on a flash drive given to Janet by Harriet.

Compiler New:

Janet is interested in Compiler for CBC if we can find a CBC Coordinator.

CBC use of Ebird – not until 2024

Janet surveyed the CBC leaders and at least 50% do not know how to use ebird for compiling Trip Reports. Due to the short amount of time between now and the CBC, the use of Ebird will be tabled until next year and we will continue to use hard copies to compile data. For those leaders who do use Ebird, Janet will request a trip report as well so she can review how to tally the data into one report.

CBC GJ

We have two open areas that need area leaders: Monument East and Appleton. Janet will try to get those filled. Note: We filled all open areas with two new leaders. Pam sent an email to all CBC Leaders letting them know about the CBC Chili Dinner on Monday, December 18 at the First Presbyterian Church on 3940 27 1/2 Rd. in Grand Junction at 5:30. Leaders forwarded this email to the participants in their area.

Post Cards

Logan requested updates on the info on the postcards, so we can reprint and do a mailing before Christmas.

Logan

ONGOING BUSINESS

Finance:

Financial Pie Chart showing our income vs expenses for membership transparency.
Neon Invoice: November was \$105.40 compared to previous months of \$219.00!

Larry

NeonOne:

Tina/Pam

Webmaster:

Tina

Fund Raising: Colorado Gives Day/Mighty Cause

Many thanks to Tina resolving many snags with getting Colorado Gives website set up for the GVAS. Thank-you letters are automatically sent out after receipt of a donation. Cary reached out to them after the big flyer in the Sentinel featured all the non profits but GVAS was unaware and did not get listed this year.

Tina

Newsletter:

Due date: November 8th to get out by Thanksgiving.

Tina

Wetlands Restoration Project:

Meredith & Cary have attended ZOOM meetings with various partner entities regarding the completion of Phase 2 of the Wetlands project. The project is now out for bid!

Cary/Meredith

A contractor site visit, took place at the Preserve at **1pm, Friday, Nov 13** . Representatives from Ducks Unlimited were there to explain the work to prospective contractors.

Construction will encompass the placement of the covered pipe water system from our canal head gate, along the eastern edge of Snipe Pond and the current planned “wet meadow”, then run underneath the road to the Ela (North) side pond. Much of this funding comes from US Fish & Wildlife with their long term plan of keeping the north pond full for the endangered fish program work.

The timeline for this phase completion is sometime between January-June of 2024.

Fund Raiser – Pablo’s Pizza Results September 2023 **Logan**
Fund Raiser – Hot Tomato (May 2024) **Pam**
Fund Raiser – Ramblevine **Tina**

Preserve Maintenance volunteer or paid position: **Cary**

Preserve Maintenance: **Chuck(Logan,Larry)**
 Berkeley Reece Sanctuary No Parking signs
 Weeds need cutting
 Beaver wire on trees
 GVAS Fence on Private Property
 Early Winter Preserve Clean Up Saturday, 11/4 9-12

Social Media **Logan**

Transparency with GVAS: **Pam**

Membership **Pam**
 Pam will schedule a meeting with Cara for late October or early November to try to set up an easier way to input amounts in to Neon. Nothing further to report.

Bird Walks **Pam**

Tumacnbc donations: \$10/Members \$15/Non Members
 Meredith had business cards printed with QR code. They look great but link does not connect. We are working on this.

TBD	Leon Thurman	TBD	
TBS	Steve Williams	TBD	

Programs**Pam**

11/20	First Presbyterian	Poetry Intro: Danny Rosen Program: eBird +	Logan Wagner
12/18	First Presbyterian	Dave Price memorial CBC results Chili Dinner Silent Auction	Board Members Doug Diekman

Conservation**Nic****Owl Boxes:**

Fall is the busiest time of the owl project, box maintenance, new box installation, and checking CBC routes.

Board Recruitment**All**

Next Meeting: **December 18th 4:30 – 6:30 Presbyterian Church**
Memorial, CBC results, Auction, Chili dinner
Facilitator: **Board Members**