

Flathead Audubon Society Monthly Meeting  
September 5, 2005

Location: Jane Lopp and Associates Building  
295 Third Ave. East North, Kalispell

Potluck at 5:30

Present: Bob Lopp, Chair, Gail Sullivan, Bruce Tannehill, Rochelle Pope, Ansley Ford, Linda deKort, Brent Mitchell, Kaye Mitchell, Sonja Hartmann, Paula Smith, Bob Rost, Lisa Discoe, Lewis Young, Mike Fanning and Leslie Kehoe.

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m

Bob said that the Birding Festival went very well and a profit of \$4300.00 was made, of which FAS should receive \$1,000+. The field trips and workshops received great reviews.

Minutes of the April 2005 were handed out and read aloud. May 2005 minutes were sent out with the agenda for this meeting. The minutes for April and May were approved.

Treasurer's Report. Bruce discussed the budget sheet that he handed out. Mike Fanning moved that the financial report be approved. Unanimously passed. The Mitchell's recycling program brought in \$202.00. It was suggested that the funds that FAS has invested be reevaluated.

Bruce went over possible Treasurer duties that he had written up. What happens when Bruce misses a meeting? Bruce could email the report to the committee before the general meeting. Add to #1-Duties "preapproved expenses." Bruce moved that the duties be approved as read and amended. Unanimously passed.

Education Committee: Thanks to Rochelle and Ansley for the successful Trunk Education Day for Teachers on August 18. Twenty-five teachers attended. Flathead Community of Resource Educators meeting is taking place on September 20 at Lone Pine. The Education Committee is meeting on September 6. Outdoor Women's course included a field trip to Owen Sowerwine, which Kaye and Brent volunteered to lead. Rochelle thanked FAS for the grant used for development of a birding discovery backpack and supplemental activities and bird feeder craft kits. Some of the education trunks went out quite often this summer. The Crown of the Continent Meeting is coming up, which FAS is a member, and Sonja will attend. Rochelle will see if she can attend.

Ansley is going to use the Classroom Feeder Watch program through Cornell Institute for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, which FAS sponsored. Bob knows a teacher, Kim Mitchell, that would like to use the program this year.

Program. The September program will be the Grizzly DNA study.

Bob Rost has a friend that is a photographer from Helena and would like to present a program.

Conservation. Lewis discussed the letter that he emailed to board members on the Tiger Muskie introduction comments for the Draft Environmental Assessment. He proposes that FAS do not support the introduction. The Tiger Muskie is described as an “eating machine”. Comments are due on September 8. Brent moved that Lewis send the letter representing FAS comments. Unanimously passed. Linda deKort will try to get it printed in the Daily Interlake. Mike moved that it be submitted in the DIL Letter to the Editor and unanimously passed.

Publicity. Paula will work with Linda deKort on publicity for the September general meeting. It was suggested that the committee be expanded and try to come up with standardized procedures and get together with the DIL to find out how we can do this better. Bob said that the meeting could be held here and his employee, Michael Moffat, would help. Ansley brought up that Insty Prints has the Stop, Look and Listen posters for non-profit groups.

Membership. Our total membership is 377 members, including National memberships. Mike had to “fire” Town Printer because they were not doing a good job-they didn’t seem interested in printing the newsletter. Mike made the decision to have the newsletter printed by Kinta Printers in Whitefish and they are doing a good job. If anyone is interested in running an official membership campaign, you can do it without him.

Seed Sales. The seeds will be on October 22. The price will be the same as last year’s. Community distribution will be all on one day.

Owen Sowerwine Natural Area Committee. A list of possible Owen Sowerwine work projects was handed out. The Prudential Volunteer Day will be September 24 from 9-11:30. Lead project leaders are needed for each project. Education Committee will lead the kiosk project. Brent will round up project materials. Mike moved to approve the project as our Prudential Volunteer Day grant. Unanimously passed. Need at least 20 people signed up. Bruce will lead the Greenridge Trail project. Paula will volunteer as Small Walkway project leader (her husband?). Metal posts lead worker will be found. (Mike?)

(At this point my computer ran out of juice and I can’t find my paper notes for Refuges, Field Trips and Newsletter committees.)

/s/  
Gail Sullivan  
Secretary

