Flathead Audubon Society Monthly Meeting November 7, 2005 Location: Prudential Bldg., Kalispell, MT

Present: Bob Lopp, Chair; Leslie Kehoe, Linda Winnie, Sonja Hartmann, Rochelle Pope, Gail Sullivan, Lisa, Shirley, Paula, Bob Lee, Lewis Young, Dan Casey.

Potluck at 5: 30 p.m.

5:45 p.m. Michael Moffitt and Michelle Reese presented a power point on a preliminary proposal for a FAS website. This website proposal will be discussed further at the December meeting and then if we decide to go with this proposal, start in January. Mr. Moffitt said that it is an 8-week process to get a website up and running, with input meetings.

Board meeting started at 6:40 p.m.

October Board meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The Treasurer's report will be presented at the November board meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Birdseed Sales. Everything went well and there are still extra sacks for sale. Lisa can probably sell more sacks.

Education. Project Feeder Watch. Shirley moved that Kim Mitchell at Pleasant Valley School be added to this program for \$99. Unanimously passed.

Sonja and Rochelle have been putting things up on the Owen Sowerwine Kiosk board. Working on prioritizing the proposed projects. Trying to put together a workshop on December 6, 4 to 7 p.m., location to be announced, to help people put on presentations that have the knowledge on a natural history subject but not the presentation skills. Enlarge the pool of people who can put on presentations in schoolrooms. Linda Winnie made the motion to have the Education Committee protect both sides of the bulletin board with plexiglass for approximately \$280 and other materials and have the treasurer decide which fund the money would come from. Unanimously passed.

Owen Sowerine. The meeting with Janet Ellis was very productive. Janet is working on a draft conservation easement plan to submit.

Field Trips. There are 2 field trips listed in this month's newsletter that Leslie set up.

Christmas Bird Count. The Bigfork Count is on December 17 and Kalispell on January 1. Dan will do the December program again.

Newsletter. Linda and Kaye are working on how to convert the current format of the newsletter into a .pdf format and Michael Moffitt helped them find a free shareware adobe program.

Conservation. Lewis Young said that the High Mountain Lakes project is going well.

A Look at Flathead Audubon. Attendees answered the first three questions: Why did you get interested in and join Flathead Audubon, What are 5 things you like about Flathead Audubon, What role(s) have you played in Flathead Audubon? Later discussion: Which did you like best/least? What things do you not enjoy about Flathead Audubon? Why? And what needs to be improved about Flathead Audubon?

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Sullivan Secretary