

Flathead Audubon Society  
Monthly Board Meeting  
September 5, 2006  
Location: Bob Lopp's House, Kalispell, MT 59901

Attendees; Bob Lopp, Chair; Lois Drobish, Barbara Grove, Mike and Jill Fanning, Linda deKort, Bruce Tannehill, Paula Smith, Kay and Brent Mitchell, Leo Keane, Ansley Ford, Gail Sullivan, Shirley Harrison and Lisa Discoe

Bob hosted a great barbeque (delicious, Bob!) before the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

We received \$150.00 matching gift from Prudential; matching a gift to Audubon from Bob Lopp.

Jill will be ordering Audubon calendars for sale by Audubon this winter.

Bob reminded the board to print off and post around town the meeting notices that Paula is sending us by email.

Bob will edit the minutes from the May meeting and send out to the board.

Bruce discussed the current Treasurer's report. Brent moved that the report be accepted; Mike seconded and unanimously passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**SEED SALES:** Mike Fanning discussed this year's birdseed sales. Mike has made some assumptions about who will be involved and hope that they will be able to help out again. The seed price has been increased from \$17 a sack to \$19 a sack. Bags will be distributed October 21.

**EDUCATION:** Several programs were given this summer. The Teacher's Workshop that was proposed for June was not done because not enough teachers had signed up. There seems to have been a problem with communications with the superintendent's office. Lisa will try to put on again spring 2007, before school gets out. There have been several Audubon articles in the Daily Interlake.

**PUBLICITY:** Bob thanked Paula for doing such a fabulous job with publicity. Paula will continue to send out emails on programs and field trips to newspapers and radio stations.

**PROGRAMS:** Leo asked if FAS needs its own power point projector. Sometimes the Summit's projector is not available or it is inconvenient to pick up. For now we can use Bob Lopp's. Leo feels we should have our own. Bruce suggested that we check with Dan Casey and find out what we specifically should be looking for. Leo needs help with the Program Committee work. Bob Lopp said he can help and Ansley thought that Rob would help, too. Leo is not sure what the October program will be.

**CONSERVATION:** Lewis was not able to attend this meeting. Linda deKort thought that Audubon should be represented at the last public Growth Policy meeting tomorrow night. Bob will try to go to meeting and testify for FAS.

WEBSITE: There seems to be some problems with editing the information on the website. The procedure seems to be unclear. This procedure will be looked into and clarified.

OWEN SOWERWINE: It still is not decided what will be the Prudential FAS project this year. Lost Trails was mentioned as a project earlier. Bob will check with Leslie on the status of a Lost Trails project. There are still projects that need to be completed at Owen Sowerwine (OS). It still is not decided where the fencing should be. The OS Committee will meet and discuss possible projects. The kiosk also needs to be completed. Bob mentioned that Prudential does have a higher level of a grant of \$5,000 available for more complex projects, as a pedestrian bridge in OS. Shirley Harrison has a bridge design that her students did and will bring to the OS Committee. The Prudential project will probably be the first weekend of October.

FIELD TRIPS: Leslie is working on field trips for October and they will be posted on the FAS website.

NEWSLETTER: Do any board members that are listed on the back page of the newsletter have any changes to their email addresses or their addresses or other information? Please let Kay Mitchell know. Kay is looking for someone who would like to interview some of our older members to include their profile in the newsletter. Shirley Harrison said she would do it. There has been some discussion on whether or not FAS would like to update the Pileated Woodpecker FAS logo. Please think about it and this will be discussed at the October board meeting. Kay will bring some ideas.

HOSPITALITY: Lois would like to continue being our hospitality representative, as long as she can get a ride to the September meeting. Lois is such a wonderful representative for FAS.

SALES: Jill is our new Sales person and will be selling items at the meetings. The books will be sold at the book retail price, rounding up to the next dollar.

Bob stated that bird identification and all that includes will be the focus on the general meetings this year. Bob will call on people to discuss their expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sullivan,