

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting  
September 4, 2007  
Location: Mike and Jill Fanning's house,  
380 Tally Lake Road, Whitefish, MT 59937

In attendance: Mike Fanning, Chair; Jill Fanning, Bob Lee, Brent and Kay Mitchell, Bruce Tannehill, Leo Keane, Paula Smith, Marcy Mahr, Leslie Kehoe, Lewis Young, Mary Nelesen, and Linda deKort

After a wonderful potluck meal at the Fannings, the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Mike said that he will offer uninspired leadership for his 2-year term but he will get things done until Bob can rescue the presidency.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mike read Dan Casey's letter asking for any volunteers to monitor Jewell Basin as a hawk migration route mid-September through mid-October. Call Dan on his cell phone number, if interested.

Minutes. We will approve May minutes at the next meeting. Also, need to check to see if April minutes were approved and are posted on FAS website.

Treasurer. Bruce discussed the treasurer's report. Bruce moved that we take \$5,000 matching funds for the Education Coordinator to match the sustainability grant and take out of operating fund. The balance of the operating fund would then be \$8,000. Unanimously passed. Postage for the newsletter will go up from \$60 a month to \$90 a month and printing expenses will also go up. We will continue to encourage subscribers to receive an email copy of the FAS Pileated Post.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### EDUCATION

Raptor Day. Nancy emailed a summary of the very successful Raptor Day. Linda deKort will write a thank you letter to Art Ortenberg for his funding of the Rod Ash/Raptor Day event. Mr. Ortenberg's address is 650 5<sup>th</sup> avenue, New York, NY 10019.

Coop funding for Education Coordinator position. Linda deKort provided a history of the Education Coordinator position and Nancy Zapotocki's accomplishments for FAS. The contract with Nancy has still not been signed because of uncertainty of what Nancy's employment status should be. FAS would prefer that we keep Nancy and that she be an independent contractor. Mike, Bruce and Marcy will work with Brenda Kittridge and Nancy on getting this contract worked out. Linda also discussed the funding of this position. Nancy is also looking for grants to

fund her position for more hours. Nancy would like to increase her hours to 15 hours a week at \$15/hour for a total of \$11,800 for the year, which is agreeable with FAS. Linda deKort moved that FAS increase the money for the Education Coordinator to \$2,800 more. Marcy seconded. Unanimously passed. (The specifics will be worked out in the contract). Linda deKort moved that FAS make a gift of \$500 to the Northwest Education Cooperative for all the work they have done for us in conjunction with our education mission. Nancy also works in their building and the education trunks are stored there. The funds will come out of the education fund. Leo seconded. Unanimously passed.

#### OWEN SOWERWINE.

The insects that attack thistle and knapweed have been released at OSNA. September 29 is the OSNA Work Day. There will be 2 boats to ferry people to Leisure Island. Bob Lee, Bruce Tannehill and Mike Fanning will be some of the project leaders. Volunteers will be solicited at the September general meeting.

#### BIRDSEED SALE

Mary tried to contact our previous birdseed supplier but found out they are bankrupt. Mary contacted a different supplier and their wholesale price was \$21 a bag, delivered. There will be no seed sale this year because even if we found a different supplier, it's too late to start the process for this year. Mary had the idea that we contact a local retailer, for example, Cenex, or Cardinal True Value and see if any business would be interested in donating some of the proceeds of bird seed sales to FAS for a certain amount of days, which would be a good promotion for that business. Mary will contact businesses.

#### NEWSLETTER

Kaye handed out a list of the October newsletter contents. Bird seed sales will be added to the October newsletter contents. The "From the Board" list, will be filled out during this meeting. September-Mike, October-Leslie-Chicadee Chatter, November-Mary Nelson.

#### ANNUAL REPORT and 2007 PLAN

These were emailed to board members by Mike. Mike will resend.

#### SALES AND HOSPITALITY

There is nothing to sell in September. (Maybe Raptor tshirts?) There will be items starting in October.

#### CONSERVATION

Lewis said that during the summer FAS received requests for comments on different projects and

he discussed the status of various projects that we had submitted comments on. Brent moved that we allow Montana Audubon to access the FAS mailing list on the subject of streamside setbacks for the Montana Conservation Voter's organization. (Only for 1 time). Paula seconded. Unanimously passed.

#### PROGRAM

Steve Hoffman suggested that FAS put on a global warming program. There is an Montana Audubon employee who has a global warming presentation.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan

Gail Sullivan  
Secretary