

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting
October 1, 2007
Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room
295 3rd Avenue E. North
Kalispell, MT 59901

Present: Mike Fanning, Chair; Gail Sullivan, Bruce Tannehill, Brent Mitchell, Linda Winnie, Bob Lopp, Lois Drobish, Ansley Ford, Lewis Young, Paula Smith, Leslie Kehoe, and Bob Lee

Minutes. September 2007 minutes were unanimously approved with changes.

Bruce discussed the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES

Education

Mike had a meeting with Brenda Kitteridge to discuss Nancy's Zapotocki's contract with FAS. The contract is going to deal with "deliverables" and Mike will write it with other board members' approval. He plans to have the contract completed next week.

OSNA

The OSNA Work Day on September 29 was very successful. Thirty-nine people showed up to work and there were several teams. Three loggers were included in the volunteers. Ansley posted information on the kiosk board. A tremendous thanks to Brent and Kay Mitchell for all their hard work on putting this project together.

Bird Seed

Many thanks to Mary Nelesen, Western Building has agreed to donate \$2 for every 50 lb. and \$1.00 for every 25 lb. bag of bird seed sold in any of their 5 stores, including Polson, from October through December 2007. The partnership with WBC applies to sunflower seeds only. Flathead Audubon Society's name does not need to be mentioned; this donation will apply to any bags of birdseed sold. The same phone calls will be made as in previous years with this updated information.

Newsletter

Articles to come next newsletter: November program, "From the Board", Bird of the Month, annual budget wrap-up, encouragement of email delivery of newsletter to subscribers, reports on OSNA Work Day, sunflower seed sale, Science Tidbit,

One-year appointments

The following people were nominated and elected to 1-year appointments: Leslie Kehoe, Brent Mitchell, and Linda Winnie. Bob Lopp moved and Lewis seconded that Leslie, Brent and Linda be elected on 1-year appointments. Unanimously passed.

Conservation Achievement

Linda handed out a list of awards that we have awarded and the other side is a list of suggested recipients. Linda would like everyone to think of other possible recipients and email her timely suggestions. She will bring these suggestions to the next board meeting and also suggested that the board consider decreasing presenting this award only once or twice a year instead of the current three times a year.

Hospitality

Lois suggested that the names of people who bring treats to a particular meeting be read at the meeting.

Conservation

Lewis is going to update the conservation portion of the FAS website. Thanks to Lewis for his very professional letters of comment that he has submitted for FAS.

Field Trips

Leslie commented that the summer field trips were very successful and well attended. She is planning a Lower Valley field trip sometime in November. The raptor monitoring at Jewell Basin has been incredibly successful at a bird-a-minute being counted.

Proposal from Linda deKort on Mexican's pots sold at FAS meetings

When items are sold from the Tarahumar artisans in Chihuahua, Mexico, half of the profits would be returned for projects in schools for the Tarahumar. Our half of the profits last year was \$170. Mike Fanning moved and Lewis seconded that Linda use \$100 of the profits to purchase items to be sold again at FAS meetings and the other \$70 to be spent on teaching materials for the local indigenous schools in Chihuahua.

Unanimously passed.

Lewis strongly encourage that we further pursue a microphone for our programs, as we had tried to do previously. Lewis will get to next meeting early and make sure the microphone works.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Sullivan, Secretary