

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting  
November 5, 2007  
Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room  
295 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E. North  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Present: Mike Fanning, Chair; Jill Fanning, Gail Sullivan, Marcy Mahr, Brent and Kay Mitchell, Ansley Ford, Paula Smith, Bob Lopp, Mary Nelesen, Leslie Kehoe and Bob Lee, Rod McIvar, and Lois Drobish

Minutes. October minutes were approved with an amendment from Mary Nelesen. Unanimously approved.

## COMMITTEES

### Education

Ansley reported that Nancy is very happy with her new contract with FAS. Please bring in your 2007 bird calendars for use in education to Nancy or Ansley. Nancy will be out of town from November 19 through December 7. Ansley will work with Leslie on setting up a February hiking day for the CORE education group. Beauty of Birds is set up for April 2008.

### Bird Seed

Paula and Mary promise this is the very last revised bird seed sale poster that they will be producing. The size of bird seed bags varies so the size is not listed on the poster.

### Funding

Linda Winnie has a couple of suggestions for funding: 1.) Direct appeal letter in the spring with projects (education, etc.) listed with return envelope. 2.) Christmas raffle with binoculars or scope as prize. Ansley suggested a wildlife/bird film festival and serve wine and appetizers. Bob Lopp will call Steve Hoffman and see if he has any suggestion for films. Marcy will check with the wildlife festival in Missoula. Kaye read suggestions from other newsletters: sale of 2008 calendars with members' photos, Audubon t-shirts sales. Mike will talk to Janet Ellis and see what her suggestion is for the direct appeal letter. Bob will look into a corporate version of the appeal letter.

### Newletter

Any changes for directory? Barbara Grove has resigned from the board. December program. From the board-Bob Lee. Mary Nelesen-bird of the month. Repeat sunflower seed information. Linda Winnie article on Christmas raffle. Christmas bird count. Education board. Montana Audubon trips that are used for fund raising. Stream setbacks. Update on FAS website.

### Conservation Achievement Recognition Award

The board discussed the handouts that Linda Winnie emailed to board members.

Brent moved that Jane Lopp and Associates be recognized for the Conservation Achievement Recognition Award for December. Paula seconded. Unanimously passed. Linda was elected to write the award. We will discuss future nominees at a later time. Milt and BJ Carlson were recommended again for a future award.

### Hospitality

There are people signed up to bring refreshments for November meeting. Board members are encouraged to bring refreshments for December general meeting. Bob Lopp will call Summit and see if they have a microphone. Previously they said they did have one. Lois will add Education Committee column for those people who would like to sign up to help on the Education Committee on the signup sheet.

### Program

The December program is the Christmas Bird Count. Rob has talked to Asta Bowen about doing a January program.

### Sales

Jill is always open for new ideas on items to sell at the general meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted,  
/s/ Gail Sullivan

Gail Sullivan  
Secretary

