

Flathead Audubon Society Monthly Meeting  
December 1, 2008

Location: Jane Lopp & Associates, 295 Third Ave. E.N. Kalispell, MT 59901

Present: Mike Fanning, Chair; Linda Winnie, Bruce Tannehill, Bob Lopp, Bill Schustrom, Richard Kuhl, Lois Drobish, Paula Smith, Lewis Young, Linda deKort , Gail Sullivan, Rod McIver and Jill Fanning

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mike had made changes to the November minutes before they were sent out. Paula Peterson's name needs to be corrected to Paula Smith. Minutes were unanimously passed with changes.

Bruce discussed the Treasurer's report that was handed out. Ansley has very generously donated her Beauty of Birds check back to FAS. Thank you, Ansley.

Bob Lopp noted that one of the land owners near Owen Sowerwine has a piece of property for sale that might make a good parking area for OS. Bob Lopp will look into who the owner is. He suggested that DNRC might be able to help with the purchase.

### COMMITTEES

#### Sales

If anyone has anything to sell at the meetings, let Jill know. Baked goods would be accepted for sale.

#### Hospitality

Board members are signed up to bring goodies to the December meeting. There are people signed up to bring treats for January and February. Mike has requested 2 rooms for the December meeting. Bob Lopp has figured out how to turn on the microphone system; there are 2 buttons to push.

#### Publicity

Pay Pal will be deleted this month from the FAS website. Publicity is out for the December program and the Christmas Bird Counts. The January program still needs to be finalized. Richard Kuhl will talk to Karen Nichols about taking the photo for the next conservation recognition award. If anyone has information or changes for the FAS website, let Paula know.

## Newsletter

January issue-January program, Bird of the Month, board member piece (from Bill Schustrom-already received!), field trips, field trip input-note from Bill Schustrom asking for input, article on conservation recognition award given, Dan Casey report on Bigfork Bird Count, Science Tidbit, results on Christmas raffle and thank the donors, setup email list for legislative updates, recycling, list of donors for new fundraising program, with explanation of what new fundraising program is. Let Linda or Kay know if any changes to the FAS newsletter directory. Richard Kuhl will write an article about what the Flathead County commissioners have decided to do about the proposed stream set asides.

## Conservation Recognition Awards

It was suggested that Native Plants growers be added as a category for a future conservation recognition award. Jill would also like to sell some native plants at a spring FAS meeting. It was decided to recognize the FVCC Green Team as the conservation recognition award for February or March and ask Kay to write the article.

Book - Birdwatcher: the Life of Roger Tory Peterson (Lyons Press 2008) written by Elizabeth J. Rosenthal. Lewis volunteered to read the book and review it for the Pileated Post.

## Items of desperate need of discussion.

Richard Kuhl removed the five “No Hunting” signs at Owen Sowerwine. Let him know if anyone finds any more “no hunting” signs. They are metal signs that are bolted on.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan

Secretary