

Flathead Audubon Society Monthly Meeting
March 2, 2009

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

Present: Mike Fanning, Chair; Jill Fanning, Linda Winnie, Brent Mitchell, Bob Lopp, Bill Schustrom, Richard Kuhl, Lois Drobish, Paula Smith, Lewis Young, Gail Sullivan, Melissa Sladek, Linda deKort

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

Linda Winnie moved that the February minutes be approved. Unanimously passed.

Bruce was not at this meeting so Treasurer's Report will be moved to next meeting.

COMMITTEES

Education

Ansley has lined up all of the speakers for the Beauty of Birds course in April.

Nancy Z helped several schools participate in annual Backyard Bird Count and it was very successful.

Programs

The April program speaker has had to cancel. Bob Lopp and Mike will look into a speaker for the Crown the Continent program (Marilyn Blaire). Kate Davis of Raptors of the Rockies is another possibility, although Melissa said that Kate doesn't like to travel this far. Linda deKort has a possible Glacier High School teacher (Ben Young) who is going to Costa Rica. Mosquito Board has wanted to do a presentation for FAS. Lewis Young has also volunteered to do a program on bat surveys. Dale Becker is another possibility. Richard Kuhl is working on Program Committee now. Lisa Bate for next January or February program?

Potluck

Bob Lopp will call and try to reserve the Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the May potluck. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., the potluck will start at 5:30, the speaker at 6:30 and the meeting ending by 8:30 p.m. so we get out of there by 9 p.m. for the janitor.

"Stimulus Funds"

Linda deKort would like any "stimulus funds" to go to our Education Fund, which would help future generations, since they are the ones who will most probably pay for it.

Nominations

Bob Lee has agreed to be our nominee for President. Lewis has agreed to serve another 3-year term. Steve Gniadek and Dennis Hester have agreed to be nominated to the board. A couple of other people who were considered: Ben Young and Donna Pridmore,

Hospitality

Everyone has been notified who is bringing treats for the March meeting. Lois will circulate the treats signup sheet at the May potluck for next year. Napkins will now be available at the treat's table.

Publicity

Green Team conservation recognition award will be publicized. Barred Owl field trip. April program. Is annual review of FAS website needed? It was determined that it was. Paula will set up a meeting and everyone's input is requested.

Conservation

No new topics right now.

Sales

Linda deKort will staff the Sales Table for the March 9 meeting.

OSNA monitoring

There is a new checklist for monitoring and it has been posted on the FAS website. Be sure and be prepared for mosquito season, which starts around June 15. A signup sheet will be circulated at the March general meeting.

Newsletter

April program. Jeannie Marcure - Bird of the Month. Jill may do the board member article. Field trips from Bill Schustrom. Have room to publish April and May fieldtrips. Nancy-great backyard bird count and other education programs. Earth Day - Nancy. Marty Cohen bird walk? OSNA volunteer monitoring. Report from Janet on legislative matters. Information on the potluck. Not feeding bears. Short memorial article on Elna Darrow. End of year publish a list of all of our donors.

Field Trips

Freezeout Lake is coming up. Dan Casey is not going to Mexico after all so will probably lead the Freezeout Trip. Marty Cohen trip. Bob Lee has a possible trip he may lead.

Items of Desperate Need of Discussion

Mike is going to the quarterly meeting for Montana Audubon. Mike will be the FAS representative for Montana Audubon next year. Mike has the January minutes in his inbox, which he will find and email to Gail.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan

Gail Sullivan
Secretary