

Flathead Audubon Society Monthly Meeting

November 1, 2010

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

Present: Bob Lee, President; Linda deKort, Mike Fanning, Kay Mitchell, Linda Winnie, Richard Kuhl, Jan Wassink, Bill Schustrom, Steve Gniadek, Dennis Hester, Paula Smith, Lois Drobish, Kathy Ross, Melissa Sladek, Ben Young, and Gail Sullivan. Guests: Janet Ellis and Norane Freistadt, both of Montana Aududon

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Bob Lee at 6:00 p.m. Janet Ellis and Norane Friestadt, the new Montana Audubon Development Director, were introduced.

OSNA. Linda Winnie announced that the new Flathead Watershed Source Book celebration is next Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at Lone Pine State Park from 4-6 p.m.

Insurance for OSNA (Janet).

1. Cosponsored events are covered under MT Audubon insurance.
2. Janet will email the insurance information to OSNA Committee.
3. Linda Winnie asked what kind of coverage; Janet is not sure but will find it out.
4. Dennis asked what events are covered and make sure our name is on these, i.e., work parties, field trips, etc.

Owen Sowerwine. Richard Kuhl is the last person signed up to monitor at Owen Sowerwine.

Fundraising. Our funding match of \$10,000 from the Sustainability Fund may not be available next year so we would have to raise \$20,000 instead of \$10,000.

Norane discussed fundraising possibilities, which are much harder to find in this economy. She suggested forming a fundraising committee and she would also be glad to help with the committee. The committee needs to identify potential donors-private and corporate. Budget in one direct-appeal a year and have specific items that can be sponsored, i.e., Owen Sowerwine, education program, etc. List sponsors in the newsletter. (Need to develop a policy for sponsorship) Norane volunteered to come up and help with a direct-appeal project. Tie in an appeal with spring migration. Suggestion-Education-“Keep a kid from playing video games for 4 hours”. Norane will email fundraising ideas/templates to Bob and Bob will forward to board members.

Minutes. Kay moved and Mike seconded that the October minutes be approved with Kay Mitchell’s changes. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer’s Report. The Treasurer’s Report was handed out and discussed.

## COMMITTEES

Education. Ansley is setting up an Education Committee meeting in the near future.

We will print off more FAS brochures so that board members will have some available to potential members. Linda will email the brochure so that board members can suggest any changes.

Sales. Linda deKort will look into minimum order for reordering FAS grocery bags. Bill suggested that we put the Sales table out in the hallway for general programs so that the table is more accessible.

Field Trips. There is a November West Valley field trip coming up but nothing else besides the Christmas Bird counts.

Hospitality. If board members want to they can bring treats for the December meeting, although Lois does have a couple of people signed up to bring treats. Treats can be brought to be sold at the Sales Table.

Program. Dick said that Native Plant Society is interested in doing a combined program with FAS. We could possibly have a combined public program in Columbia Falls at their Discovery Center. Dick suggested that it could be a program with Nancy Z., education trunks and her education program.

Conservation. Steve and Lewis have written a couple of comment letters on proposed projects. Steve has attended the conservation roundtable meetings but cannot attend the next one. The topic is communication strategies and Dick may try to attend. Steve also attended the Montana's for Multiple Use's "hearing" on wolf management.

Conservation Award Recognition Program. Motion was made to select Target as our next conservation award recognition recipient recognizing them setting up collection of glass that is hauled out of the valley for recycling in their empty, returning supply trucks at the December meeting. Linda deKort will write something up.

Dick will look further into the nomination of the "cave people" as recipients and possibly a program.

Newsletter. Program, BOM, board article, Christmas bird counts, Target recycling program, Hawkwatch report, Kidz Zone, Janet Ellis-sign up for legislative alerts, donors, giving of FAS memberships as Christmas presents.

Membership. We have more new members this year than usual. There is a problem with people renewing.

There is an interest in setting up a banding program in association with a non-profit group by someone who will be moving to the valley in about a year. FAS would be interested in talking to him about his program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gail M. Sullivan

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Secretary