

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
LOCATION: JANE LOPP & ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVENUE E.N.
KALISPELL

CALL TO ORDER: PAULA SMITH @ 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Paula Smith (Chair), Denny Olson, Bob Lopp, Richard Kuhl, Kathy Ross, Dennis Hester, Lois Drobish, Bruce Tannehill, Kay Mitchell, Jan Wassink, Mike Fanning, Gael Bissell, Dan Casey and Marylane Pannell.

MINUTES-MARYLANE PANNELL: Correct spelling errors – Cristina Eisenberg, Teresa Wenum, OSNA, Beau Larkin. Minutes approved.

DAN CASEY:

*Updated the Board on the Hawk Watch and distributed September schedule including 17 volunteer days and 13 paid days at Jewel Basin. Paid personnel are BJ Worth and Craig Hohenberger. Watches also at McWenneger Slough (Pete Smith) and Bad Rock Canyon. Volunteers needed. Call Dan. Agenda item at September 10 meeting.

*Swifts bird count at FC Jail September 7-9. Richard Kuhl volunteered for Friday, September 7.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PAULA SMITH:

SUMMER BUSINESS

*June 15 OSNA accessible trail ribbon-cutting ceremony.

*June 15 Bird Festival (B.F.) Wrap up meeting with Norane Freistadt from Montana Audubon Society (MAS) with Bob Lopp, Mike and Paula.

*Late June Flathead Audubon Society (FAS) received check for \$3,063.62 from MAS for B.F.

*Late June Bob Lopp received award for "Hands on Service" from Prudential for \$250.00.

*July 12 FAS signed on to National Audubon Society (NAS) comments regarding wind power and impacts on Golden and Bald Eagles.

*Early July Bob Lee contacted Art Ortenberg for Raptor Day funding. Received check for \$3,620 from Liz Claiborne Fdn.

*Late July Board approved amended contract for Ashley for this year - \$20,808.

*August 13 Board approved Hawk Watch 2012 funding of \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

*FAS annual report due to NAS for baseline funding. E-mail will be sent to the Board to obtain data on volunteer hours.

*Does Board wish to continue business sponsorships and report them in the POST, and to also continue with an appeal letter?

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL:

- *Distributed financial report through June. (Attached)
- *Moved and seconded (Bruce/Richard) to add \$1,000 to 2012-13 budget for Hawk Watch from Conservation Fund. MOTION PASSED.
- *Discussion about interest on money in FCU. Committee will meet regarding FAS investment. Richard added to committee.
- *Linda called a meeting on Monday, September 10 at 6 pm to discuss FAS financial appeal letter. Bob Lopp, Mike and Gael will attend.
- *Dennis will ask about DAD sponsorship.
- *FAS will seek business sponsors and report them in the POST.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO ONE YEAR TERM–PAULA SMITH

- *Checked By-Laws for voting members during summer months.
- *Lois, Linda dK and Linda Winnie do not wish to be on the Board.
- *Mike, Jill, Cathy and Kay elected to a one-year term as directors.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – DENNY OLSON/ASHLEY MASON

- *Ashley's contract complete.
- *Fund raising idea is to work on a calendar of nature happenings for 2014. Possible volunteers mentioned include: Kathy, Amy Jacobs (Lone Pine), Bob Lopp, Dan and Bill Schustrom.
- *Denny needs volunteer for film "More Kids in the Woods".

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE – GAEL BISSELL/KATHY ROSS

- *October 6 – Hawk Watch at Jewel Basin and Bad Rock Canyon - two trips on one day. Details in October POST.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

- *Please renew memberships.

OWEN SOWERWINE COMMITTEE – LINDA WINNIE/RICHARD KUHL

- *New Plexiglas for OSNA kiosk (\$210).
- *OSNA workday, September 22 (September 29 – Prudential Grant Date). Richard passed the work detail sign up sheet around. Meet at Montessori School lot at 8:30. Group picture needed.

GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

- *Dr. Cristina Eisenberg will present the program "From wolves to birds: trophic cascades in the Crown of the Continent" at Monday's meeting. Bruce will bring a computer and projector for her use.
- *Tom Ulrich will present in October.
- *Dan Casey December with information on the Hawk Watch and Christmas bird count.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

*Summit will extend our room for this program.

*FAS may lose the Summit meeting room to remodeling in November. FAS should be looking for new meeting room possibilities. Flathead Electric and Fun Beverage community rooms suggested.

SALES – MIKE FANNING FOR JILL

*Montana Bird Distribution book will be sold for \$15.00.

*\$1,090 received from purchase of Bird Songs CD (Bruce)

CAR PRESENTATION – BOB LOPP

*Bill McClaren will receive FAS Conservation Achievement Recognition at our September meeting.

REFUGES – KATHY ROSS

*Possible trip to Viking Creek Wetland Preserve this year.

WEBSITE – JAN WASSINK

*No report.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – KAY MITCHELL/LINDA WINNIE

*September POST out.

*October POST will include these articles: Bird of the Month – Gael Bissell, OSNA Workday – Richard Kuhl, Raptor Day – Ashley Mason, Book Review – Linda DeKort, Hawk Watch – Dan Casey, Membership – Mike Fanning, Finance article – Bruce Tannehill, Project Feeder Watch and Kevin Rim Wind Project.

*Board column available to any board member. President does September and May column.

LIABILITY INSURANCE – BOB LOPP/DENNIS HESTER

*Discussion and quotes for insurance.

*Moved and seconded (Denny/Richard) to authorize expenditure up to \$1200 for Liability and Directors & Officers insurance for one year. One abstention.

MOTION PASSED.

FLATHEAD NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – PAULA SMITH

*Moved and seconded (Richard/Gael) to donate \$100 to the Flathead Nonprofit Development Partnership. MOTION PASSED.

Adjourned 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell
Secretary