

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2012

LOCATION: JANE LOPP & ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE., E.N., KALISPELL, MT

CALL TO ORDER: PAULA SMITH @ 6:00 pm

PRESENT: Paula Smith, (Chair), Bob Lopp, Richard Kuhl, Dennis Hester, Lois Drobish, Bruce Tannehill, Kay Mitchell, Mike Fanning, Gael Bissell, Roy Dimond, Jill Fanning, Bob Lee, Lewis Young, John Hughes, Steve Gniadek, Ashley Mason and Marylane Pannell.

ROY DIMOND STAMP COLLECTION: Roy would like to donate his historical stamp collection to the Flathead Audubon Society (FAS) to be sold with the money used to help finance the education or conservation efforts of FAS. It was moved and seconded (Mike Fanning/Jill Fanning) that FAS accept Roy's donation. MOTION PASSED. Roy was thanked. Bruce Tannehill will investigate stamp values.

ELECTION: Moved and seconded (John Hughes/Dennis Hester) to elect Marylane Pannell as FAS secretary with term ending in May, 2013. MOTION PASSED.

MINUTES: Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/John Hughes) to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2012 FAS Board meeting. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PAULA SMITH

*Volunteer hours collected. No final numbers available at this time.

*Oregon Wild requested FAS support restoring water to the Klamath Basin in a letter to Sec. of Interior Ken Salazar. Paula Smith signed and returned the letter. Jill suggested Paula should have contacted the Board before signing.

*Ashley Mason requested a letter of support on behalf of Beth Benjamin to renew her raptor rehab and education permit. Ashley will draft letter for us. Bob Lee stated she has the permit already.

TREASURER'S – BRUCE TANNEHILL

*Distributed financial report through September 2012. (Attached)

*It as moved and seconded (Mike Fanning/John Hughes) to tranfer \$20,000 from the Whitefish Credit Union to a Vanguard Fund. MOTION PASSED.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE –LEWIS YOUNG AND STEVE GNIADEK.

Steve Gniadek is drafting a letter for the club's consideration to Fish, Wildlife and Parks regarding science based wolf management.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – ASHLEY MASON

*Raptor Day had 225 participants, twice as many as last year. Ansley Ford had over 50 people on her bird walk. Very successful.

*The "More Kids in the Woods" program had 300 students from Glacier High School planting their native plant garden. Ashley may plan a dedication ceremony for the

school and a “show me” trip for FAS. Finances were a nightmare. Helena Flats School will plant Friday, October 5.

*Ashley will present at the Early Childhood Conference in October.

APPEALS AND SPONSORSHIP – MIKE FANNING

Waiting for Linda deKort’s return. Letter is being written which should go out in November or early December.

FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE – GAEL BISSELL

Fall Hawk Watch at Badrock Canyon, noon-4, October 7. BJ will be at Jewel Basin site with Gael Bissell and Kathy Ross in Bad Rock Canyon with Bruce Tannehill, Paula Smith and Steve Gniadek.

OWEN SOWERWINE COMMITTEE - RICHARD KUHL

On September 22, 30 volunteers pulled weeds, cut brush, fixed fence and reorganized the kiosk at the Owen Sowerwine Work Day.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMITTEES

PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL. Dave Hadden, North Fork Alliance, will present the October program, Tom Ulrich in November, Dan Casey in December and Rick Mace in January. Dale Becker may present in March or April.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH. Refreshment OK for October. Bob Lopp is bringing coffee. Refreshment sign up may be changed.

SALES – JILL FANNING. 2013 calendars will go on sale in October for \$12 and \$13.

VENUE CHANGE – RICHARD KUHL, LOIS DROBISH AND BOB LOPP. Moved and seconded (Richard Kuhl/Mike Fanning) to move our monthly meetings to Gateway West Mall in the United Way conference room in November. Richard will write an article for the POST with announcement and directions to our new site. Jill Fanning will post large sign at our October meeting.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – KAY MITCHELL

Articles will include: Bird of the Month, Denny Olsen; Field Trip to Bad Rock Canyon, Gael Bissell; Education, Ashley Mason; OSNA work day and photos, Richard Kuhl and Dennis Hester; Board minutes of importance, Kay Mitchell; New Venue, Richard Kuhl; Book Review, Linda deKort, thanks for donations and sponsorship, dues remainder and Cinnabar match, Mike Fanning; and thank you to Roy Dimond. Kay requested membership make suggestions for bird related gift ideas for the holiday season for the December POST. Paula will include this announcement at the October meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

Noted that there were almost 50 fewer members on Audubon rolls. Mike will send post card remainders.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

LIABILITY INSURANCE – BOB LOPP AND DENNIS HESTER. Contract has been signed for Board member liability and general liability insurance with the total cost of about \$1150.00.

BIBLER TRAIL LETTER – BOB LOPP. Mailed letter to Flathead County Commissioners with cc to Alex Hogel, Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office in support of application for CTEP funding to construct the Willow Glen Drive North segment of the Sam Bibler Commemorative Trail

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – PAULA SMITH FOR LINDA WINNIE. Requested help with conservation achievement award process. Richard Kuhl will join Linda in this project.

DEAN ROBBINS' WILEY DYKE SLOUGH HOMESTEAD. Dean met with Bruce Tannehill, Bob Lee, Bob Lopp, Dan Casey, Denny Olson, Craig Hohenberger and Paula Smith regarding FAS developing a plan for his donation of 30 acres of land including a house, barn, two old trailers and other structures. Dean would like FAS with Dean's involvement to develop a plan for use of the land as a conservation and education site. Discussion of other possible conservation groups involvement in the project. Perhaps we could build a bird blind in 2013. John Hughes suggested it as a site for possible wetland restoration.

MONTANA AUDUBON SOCIETY QUARTERLY MEETING - BOB LEE. Local committee needs to send in the year end report for our mini grant before our chapter can apply for another. Bob is concerned about the lack of acknowledge of our education program at the state level. Year-end financials of Montana Audubon Society show a deficit for fiscal year (ending 6/30) of \$117,000. Cary Lund has been voted in as the new Board Secretary. The Nominating Committee is recruiting new Board members. MT Audubon hopes to complete Strategic Plan by February, 2013. Revisions to our Personnel Policies were approved. The Finance Committee will monitor this year's financial performance. The Development Committee will become more actively involved in fundraising. MAS is recruiting a new Office Manager.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – DENNIS HESTER. Granted a leave from the Board until April, 2013.

ADJOURNED 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Marylane Pannell, Secretary