

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 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, Lois Drobish, Bruce Tannehill, Kay Mitchell, Gael Bissell, Bob Lee, John Hughes, Linda DeKort, Kathy Ross, Jan Wassink, Ashley Mason and Marylane Pannell.

MINUTES: MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (John Hughes/Bob Lee) to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting MOTION PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE

Distributed October 2012 financial report. He will be gone Nov. 11-18 and Nov. 27-Dec. 17. Results of fundraising will be held until Jan 2013 board meeting. Thanks will go out at that time. Income this month included: "More Kids in the Woods" grant, Whitefish Credit Union and Quinn. Moved \$20,000 from WFCU to Vanguard Fund. Bruce would like a photo archive for Flathead Audubon events for future grant applications. Bob Lopp reported this might be the last year for the \$1,000 Global Volunteer Day grant from Prudential.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – PAULA SMITH

Distributed Montana Audubon Society (MAS) 12 month Fiscal Year (7/1/2011 – 6/30/2012) report to board members.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – ASHLEY MASON

Helena Flats garden completed. She will plant gardens in two additional schools this spring. Plans a "Show Me" day for board members and a dedication ceremony at Glacier High School. Ben Young received a grant for binoculars. ROAD SCHOLAR (formerly Elderhostel) would like to team up with FAS for three summer programs at Glacier National Park in July and August. FAS will provide curriculum, 3 instructors (Conservation Educator and two FAS volunteers). Board members expressed concern regarding use of Audubon brand without state OK. Bob Lee will call MAS to check. Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Gael Bissell) to move forward on this proposal. MOTION PASSED.

FUNDRAISING - LINDA DEKORT

2,350 fundraising letters are ready for mailing. Three different letters will go to FAS members, Chamber of Commerce members and the Mary/Tom Nelesen mailing list. Cost .80 cents per mailing for a total cost of \$1,882. Printed by Insty Print. Mailing workshop on Wednesday, November 7, 10am – 5 pm. Bob Lopp gave a pep talk on the importance of this fundraising effort to keep our education program stable. Jan Wassink will work on website to highlight our business sponsors. Other ideas included: trifold panel brought to each event with business sponsors names,

develop a decal to place at business to show their support and an ad in the newspapers to thank sponsors. Discussion will follow at January, 2013 meeting. Thanks to Linda for all her work on these letters.

FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE –GAEL BISSELL AND KATHY ROSS

Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) on Dec 15 in Bigfork and Dec 30 in Kalispell. Dan Casey confirmed program for December on CBC. Leslie Kehoe and Bob Lee will write recap of the bird trip, Nov 4. Discussion followed regarding suggestions to coordinate field trips with other Audubon chapters.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMITTEES – LOIS DROBISH

Board members visited the United Way Conference Room. Lois has concerns about set up and clean up. Richard Kuhl will bring Audubon banner and members will stand outside the room to welcome members.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – KAY MITCHELL

Articles will include: John Hughes, bird of the month; Paula Smith, summary of year end report; Dan Casey, CBC; Ashley Mason, Education Program; and Jill and Mike Fanning, calendar information and membership.

Dr. Cristina Eisenberg's book, THE WOLF'S TOOTH: TROPHIC CASCADES AND BIODIVERSITY is available at Flathead County Library.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – JAN WASSINK Discussion of calendar on the website and sponsor box on opening website. Jan volunteered to compile photo archives.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – LINDA DE KORT

Three board positions open. Discussion followed on size of board and whether to fill positions. Most favored a board of about 12-18, which is what we have at this time.

ROY DIMOND STAMP COLLECTION – BOB LOPP

Contacted top three stamp companies, two no bids, waiting for third company to reply. An appraisal would cost \$700. Roy would like to sell the collection this year for tax purposes. Contents has been copied to CD and given to Kathy Ross for a friend's assessment.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION – PAULA FOR LINDA WINNE

Several suggestions including: Flathead Land Trust, FWP, Glacier H. S. teachers, trail builder, Darren Pfeifle and land owner, Pete Wade.

WILEY HOMESTEAD – BOB LEE

Dean Robbins willing to work with us and would like others involved beside Flathead Audubon members. 30 acres will go to Flathead Audubon in his will. Bob will organize a meeting time for board members interested in this committee.

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN – STEVE GNIADK (Absent)

5-year plan adopted in 2010 and not updated, monitored or assessed since that time. Discussion followed. Much of the plan deals with the conservation program. Linda felt it was unusable, others felt we should review and use.

INSURANCE POLICY – BOB LOPP

Insurance policy package is stored in Bob's office, available for all to VIEW.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary