

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2013  
LOCATION: JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE. E.N.,  
KALISPELL, MONTANA

CALL TO ORDER: PAULA SMITH @ 6:00 PM

PRESENT - Paula Smith (Chair), Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Bob Lopp, Gael Bissell, Kathy Ross, Steve Gniadek, Lewis Young, Richard Kuhl, Lois Drobish, Dennis Olson, Bruce Tannehill, Jan Wassink and Marylane Pannell.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Kay) to accept minutes of the January 7, 2013.  
(MOTION PASSED)

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Provided Board with financials including his suggested budget for 2013-2014. For this fiscal year there is a gain of \$4616 in income but there is an estimated expense of \$9925 leaving a possible loss of \$5309 for the year.

FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE – BOB LOPP

The fund-raising letter plus mailing cost \$1835. We grossed \$2825, most of which came from our members, leaving a net gain of about \$1000. Discussion followed regarding money-making projects. It was decided that Richard, Kathy and Bruce would go to businesses to see if they are willing to display and sell the local calendars to be created by Denny Olson. Other ideas included "Bird of the Month" in Beacon and Interlake with promotion of local Audubon, article in "Go Local Guide" about conservation, Birds and Beer, Film Festival, individual members soliciting large donations from individuals, grant writing and message to friends in newsletter. We need better PR for our education program – handouts at each event and more publicity.

STRATEGIC PLAN

What is FAS all about? Who do we serve and how? What are the priorities of the Board? Do they meet the needs of members? A questionnaire will be sent to our membership.

FUTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO SUPPORT FAS PROGRAM – PAULA

We have many programs to support including Wiley Property, OSNA, and Education Program. We need an overall plan to support all our needs. Several grants mentioned including Cinnabar, Quinn Foundation, Wildlife Society, and Plum Creek Foundation. Cinnabar (Conserve MT website) stories could include: George Darrow profile, Ashley's work with community gardens, student

mentoring, citizen's science and educational trunks. Kathy and Gael will write articles about field trips.

#### GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

##### PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

Lewis Young will present the February program on MT Bats. Alan Whitehead will talk about ecotourism with the Massai of Africa in March. Mike Fanning is getting the WF location for May pot luck.

##### HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Treats covered, Steve bringing juice.

##### CAR – PAULA / KATHY

George Darrow will receive award in March, Jean Robocker in April (Linda W. and Leslie Kehoe) and Lynn Kelly in the fall.

#### NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

Newsletter will include: "Bird of the Month – Vaux Swift, field trips, George Darrow article, "Beauty of Birds" classes. Kay will send "outdoor cat concerns" article to Board for newsletter consideration.

#### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – LEWIS YOUNG AND STEVE GNIADEK

Moved and seconded (Denny/Bob Lee) to sign letter to FWP regarding whooping cranes. (MOTION PASSED). Wolverines are being considered for protection. Lewis reviewed Tally Lake District Beaver Lake document and will sign letter to support Kila Park near Smith Lake. Northern Plains Council looking at effects of coal trains on the environment. Discussed "best available science" letter concerning wolf management to FWP.

#### OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA – RICHARD KUHL

Neal Brown and Richard removed one tree stand. A second stand still needs to be removed. Neal will talk to land owner about fence changes along west boundary just north of the main entrance.

#### FIELD TRIPS – GAEL BISSELL AND KATHY ROSS

February 16 – Swan River/Bigfork Great Backyard Bird Count Field Trip

February 17 – Flathead Valley Great Backyard Bird Count Field Trip

February TBA – Swan Lake Refuge x-county Ski and Bird Trip

#### ROY DIMOND STAMP COLLECTION – KATHY ROSS

Estimated value is around \$1200. Duck stamps are the most valuable. Perhaps someone in Ducks Unlimited would be interested in purchasing the collection.

#### NOMINATIONS – BOB LEE

Nominations are needed for President, Vice President and one board member. Bob will include an article in the newsletter.

WILEY COMMITTEE – BOB LEE

This committee met with Dean Robbins about the concerns of FAS getting into financial problems with the donation. Dean is planning an endowment to cover costs of project. Project will be developed over many years. For now any use will require approval by Dean Robbins.

OTHER

Steve – we need a representative to MAS meeting in Lewistown in April

Bob Lee – will need volunteers to the Family Forestry Expo the 1<sup>st</sup> week in May.

Adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary