

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 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) Kay Mitchell, Bob Lopp, Kathy Ross, Bob Lee, Steve Gniadek, Bruce Tannehill, Richard Kuhl, Lewis Young, Jan Wassink, Denny Olson, Gael Bissell, Marylane Pannell and Tony Anderson, Flathead Wildlife Board member.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Corrected February 4, 2013 minutes to read CONSERVATION COMMITTEE “Lewis reviewed Tally Lake District Beaver Lake document”. Moved and seconded (Bob Lee/Lewis) to accept minutes of the February 4, 2013 with correction. (MOTION PASSED)

HAWKWATCH REQUEST – DAN CASEY absent from meeting

TREASURER’S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Went over the financials 2012-2013. Bruce has submitted a proposed budget 2013-2014 which shows a shortfall of \$2,741. Mary Nelesen will be contacted to inquire about Soroptomist grant availability. One proposal for 2013-2014 was to reduce MAS donation from \$1000 to \$500. Another proposal was to fund the HawkWatch from another source. Discussion followed regarding our FAS investment funds.

FUND-RAISING FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION 2013-2014 – BOB LOPP

Distributed a list of strategies for fund raising efforts. FAS needs additional donation sources, grants and a major fund-raising event. Discussion followed about possibilities for raising additional funds. Ideas included: board member donations, calendar, expanding membership, bequests, film festival, bird-a-thon and yard sale.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – DENNY

AmeriCorps volunteers have completed a trunk inventory. Denny listed materials needed for education program including: DVDs, books, magnifying glasses, puppets, etc. To begin calendar project Denny will make a sample calendar page. He has sent a list of ‘talking points’ for promotion to individuals who volunteered to contact businesses.

GENERAL MEETINGS COMMITTEES

PROGRAM – RICHARD

March – Program by Chris Peterson, photographer and a short mountain blue bird talk by Grant Munteer. George Darrow will receive conservation award.

April – Chris Hammond, FWP, non-game program and Jean Roboker will receive conservation award.

May – Mike will reserve the room in Whitefish. Three possible programs: Eric Haugen, “Lookout” movie; Gary Swant, Warm Springs ponds; or Kate Stone,

Bitterroot MPG Ranch. The May meeting is usually a potluck. It was moved and seconded (Lewis/Denny) to have desserts only. (MOTION PASSED) Pies and other desserts will be auctioned.

LOIS - HOSPITALITY absent

JILL – SALES absent

#### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE - KAY

The “Cat” article was included in the March newsletter when the entire Board favored the inclusion. FYI: Polson Aud. Newsletter copied 50% from Flathead’s newsletter, Missoula Aud. website included our “Bird of the Month” article and Helena Aud. had three articles from our newsletter. Because many Aud. Groups seem to be using our articles, Kay handed out a “Flathead Audubon Policy on Publication and Re-use of Printed Materials” It was moved and seconded (Richard/Bob Lee) to adopt the policy with one addition “unless otherwise restricted in the by line” added to the first sentence. (MOTION PASSED)

The April newsletter will include our April program, bird of the month, “from the board”, Jean Robocker Conservation Award, requests for names for next years conservation awards, field trips, Beauty of Birds classes, AmeriCorps article, Family Forestry Expos, members survey, OSNA mentoring, annual budget, MAS Festival, NAS Festival, watchable wildlife, bears and bird feeders and request for donations to our Education Program.

#### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – LEWIS AND STEVE

Lewis commented on Ken McConnell’s legislative update. Agriculture dominates Montana economy but over 50 bills relating to wildlife were introduced. Ken mentioned Janet Ellis, MAS, as a valuable lobbyist at the Montana legislature. Steve requested FAS endorse the statement by MT-TWS on Exurban Development and Wildlife. He will send the statement to the Board to consider its endorsement.

#### OWEN SOWERWINE NATURAL AREA COMMITTEE – RICHARD

Circulated sign up sheet for mentoring of OSNA. Richard will be gone in April. He will need someone to tie down the bridges when the area floods. OSNA workday will be scheduled for either September 14, 21 or 28.

#### FIELD TRIPS – GAEL AND KATHY

Marty Cohen walk scheduled for April 20 at 9, Glacier Park birding on May 25 and Lazy Creek trip on May 26.

#### WEBSITE – JAN

Website needs to be updated. Denny will find an Education Committee member to update the Education area and the Conservation Committee will check their information. Jan will ask Mike if he will update “Join Us” and “About Us”. Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Gael) to add Pay Pal or similar concept to our website for donations only. (MOTION PASSED)

**DRAFT SURVEY – GAEL**

Gael prepared a tentative survey. Discussed survey questions, how to distribute to members and dates to survey. She will email questions to board members for additional comments.

**NOMINATIONS – BOB LEE**

Bob Lopp has agreed to be President and Kay Mitchell Vice President for 2013-2015. Jan Wassink has accepted another three-year term. Ben Young contacted for one-year term but has yet to agree. Marylane Pannell has agreed to continue as secretary. Election will be held at our May meeting.

**MONTANA AUDUBON BOARD MEETING – BOB LEE**

MAS working on strategy plan and hope to finish in June. Next MAS board meeting is on April 6 in Dillion. Give Bob any information for the board meeting. MAS received a \$135,000 bequest.

**FAMILY FORESTRY EXPOS – BOB LEE**

Family Forestry Expos will be May 6-10 with a Saturday exhibit for the general public at which we usually have a display. Let Bob know if you would like to volunteer.

**MAY MEETING – RICHARD.**

We want to encourage guests to attend by having a short meeting with election, auction and program starting at 6:30 and over by 9 pm.

**TONY ANDERSON – FLATHEAD WILDLIFE INC.**

FWI will be building kestrel houses in addition to their bluebird houses to sell and has discovered over 100 sites for public access on Flathead Lake, which they hope to develop and maintain for public access.

Adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary