

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2013
LOCATION: JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE. E.N.
KALISPELL, MONTANA

CALL TO ORDER – PAULA @ 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT – Paula Smith (chair), Kay Mitchell, Bob Lopp, Kathy Ross, Bob Lee, Steve Gniadek, Lewis Young, Denny Olson, Linda DeKort, Lois Drobish, Mike Fanning, Jan Wassink, Marylane Pannell, Richard Kuhl and Ashley Mason with her daughters.

MINUTES – MARYLANE

Moved and seconded (Mike/Lewis) to accept minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting (MOTION PASSED).

DIAMOND STAMP COLLECTION – Sold for \$1,075.

CONSERVATION – LEWIS AND STEVE

The American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is sending a letter to President Obama seeking to protect the Marbled Murrelets. Letter is not supportable as written. Lewis and Steve will suggest changes. If not accepted by ABC FAS will not support.

Lewis showed slides of Golden Eagle and Osprey migrations banded by the Raptor View Research Institute.

A grassroots group is promoting a wildlife conservation stamp similar to the duck stamp to obtain donations from non-hunters for wildlife. Moved and seconded (Denny/Richard) that FAS will support conceptually but will need details about wildlife conservation stamp project. MOTION PASSED.

EDUCATION – DENNY AND ASHLEY

Ashley outlined her schedule for May and June including a home school group, library programs, Forestry Expos and West Valley School planting of their native plant garden. Kathy volunteered to help Ashley on the Roads Scholars at GNP. Ashley and her girls will drum up excitement about the education program at the potluck in May.

Moved and seconded (Denny/Bob Lopp) to offer Ashley a contract July 1- June 30, 2014 for \$20,808 for her work on the education program with one addition. Ashley is asked to submit a list of her activities the month prior to the actual month. For example, the activities for May will be submitted April 1. MOTION PASSED.

Phenology calendar discussed. Insty Print gave estimates of cost - 1,000, 10 inch x 13 inch calendars \$5.05 each, 2500 for \$2.98 each. Discussed several means of paying for the calendar including nature organizations and bank purchases. NOMAD, Conservation District or other business would support/sponsor each month of the calendar.

FORESTRY EXPO – BOB LEE

Opened today and continued through Saturday.

GENERAL MEETING

PROGRAM – RICHARD

The potluck will be held at the WF Community Center on Monday, May 13. Gary Swant is the speaker. Mike and Jill will open the building at 5pm and set up the silent auction with help from Linda W. and Linda dK. Screen will be provided by Richard, loud speakers by Denny, Paula will bring the banner and Lois will be responsible for hospitality.

Rich Baginski on the Galapagos Islands will present the September program.

The room at United Way has been requested for 2013-2014.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS

Linda dK and Paula will help Lois cull the nametags this summer.

OSNA – RICHARD

May through August monitors are set. Monitor sheets can be run off the website. September 28 is the OSNA Work Day. Brett Mitchell took down several hunter blinds in April.

WEBSITE – JAN

The website will be updated in June. All board members should check the site for mistakes or additions.

FIELD TRIPS – KATHY

The field trips are listed in the May issue of the POST. Paula will request attendance numbers for all field trips for the yearend report. Kathy mentioned there are many scheduled Native Plant Society field trips this summer.

NEWSLETTER – KAY

The May issue is the last issue until August 2013. August articles will include: Bird of the Month, new president's message, hawk watch, Lynn Kelly's Conservation Award, OSNA work day, board activities, project feeder watch, membership and fund raising, and the Birdathon.

MEMBER SURVEY – KAY

Kay will bring copies of the survey to the potluck to increase responses. Results will be kept separate from online to see if statistics differ. Something should be done with the results.

BIRDATHON – LINDA d K

Linda outlined the fundraiser. Two teams: Bruce's Tanagers and John Hughes' Jays, will bird on Sunday, June 23 from 8-8. Team members will obtain pledges from members, friends and neighbors using talking points developed by Bruce.

MA BOARD MEETING – BOB LEE

At the Dillon meeting the Board approved the budget and decided to hire a part-time conservation person with funding of the position by MA and each chapter.

WILEY COMMITTEE – BOB LEE

Dan Casey was absent from the meeting but sent photos of Texas bird blinds for consideration on the Wiley property, which will not be constructed until the fall.

POLICY STATEMENT PROPOSAL – PAULA FOR DENNIS HESTER

Moved and seconded (Richard/Denny) to accept Policy No. 2 Diversity and Inclusion. MOTION PASSED.

The FAS is committed to diversity, inclusion and equal opportunity in our programs, community service, employment, membership and leadership. It is the policy of FAS not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, age, or national origin.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Paula and Cathy will present a 20-minute Audubon program on May 24 at the Bear Dance Club in Bigfork. Bob Lopp will store FAS literature at his office. Steve, Kathy and Bob Lee will tour the MPG Ranch on Monday, May 13.

ADJOURNED at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, secretary