

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013
LOCATION: JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE. E.N
KALISPELL, MONTANA

CALL TO ORDER – BOB LOPP @ 6:04

PRESENT – Bob Lopp (chair), Jill and Mike Fanning, Paula Smith, Lois Drobish, Richard Kuhl, Jan Wassink, Bob Lee, John Hughes, Kay Mitchell, Bruce Tannehill, Kathy Ross, Gael Bissell and Marylane Pannell.

APPOINT COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO ONE YEAR TERMS – BOB LOPP

Moved and seconded (John/Kay) to appoint Kathy Ross to a one year term. Moved and seconded (John/Mike) to retain Bob Lee as our representative to the MAS. Moved and seconded (Paula/John) to elect Marylane as secretary for a one year term.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Bob Lee/Paula) to approve minutes of the May 6 & May 13, 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Moved and seconded (John/Mike) to accept the budget.

BIRDATHON – BOB LOPP

Decided to send one final request to 21 pledges unpaid. POST sent to all donators. Agreed to host Bird A Thon again next year.

HAWK WATCH – BOB LOPP

Moved and seconded (Richard/John) to approved Dan's request for an additional \$1149 for the Hawk Watch in 2013 with the stipulation that his 2014 request will be in person and presented on or before the March meeting. Bruce will send Dan a check for \$2149 for the 2013 Hawk Watch.

NAS ANNUAL REPORT – BOB LOPP

Paula is sending members a request for the number of volunteer hours given to FAS from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

RAPTOR DAY AND EDUCATION PLANS – BOB LOPP

Raptor Day is on Sept 7. All are requested to attend. Volunteers needed.

MONTANA AUDUBON FALL MEETING – BOB LEE

The strategic plan to be completed at Sept meeting in Billings. Mike Fanning will continue to be an alternate to the position. FAS restructured to the Central-North Region in NAS. Anyone interested in being a representative to the Region, contact Bob Lee.

OWEN SOWERWINE WORK DAY – RICHARD KUHL

Work day is Saturday, Sept. 28. Prudential grant requested. Richard suggested a second work day in August to control weeds.

FIELD TRIPS – GAEL BISSELL AND KATHY ROSS

Hawk Watch field trip on October 6 or 7 in Bad Rock Canyon. Other possible field trips mentioned: Lost Trails and bat sounds with Chris Hammond.

NORTH SHORE OF FLATHEAD LAKE EASEMENT – GAEL BISSELL

Area is 189 acres about 4 ½ miles toward Bigfork on Hwy 83. Deal will be completed in Dec, 2013.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

Time to renew our 177 local memberships. There are 455 national memberships.

CONSERVATION – BIO BLITZ OF WHITEFISH RANGE – STEVE GNIADEK

Would like to organize a bio-blitz of Whitefish range. Discussed possible date and methods.

MPG PROJECT – STEVE GNIADEK

Would like to see FAS involvement. Kathy suggested a field trip to MPG on October 19 if OK with ranch personnel.

CONSERVATION – STEVE GNIADEK

FAS will make comments on the Glacier Park Corridor Management Project when the plan is drafted.

BOARD LIABILITY INSURANCE – BOB LOPP AND BOB LEE

Pachner & Associates will be contacted for estimates on insurance and will be presented at the October meeting.

WEBSITE – JAN WASSINK

Website bird list is not working and the site should be updated by each committee.

NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

Kay announced two additional members to the committee: John Hughes and Lewis Young. Committee will need to update to Office 2013. Articles included: Bird of the Month, Field Trips, Owen Sowerwine Work Day, National Audubon Convention, Raptor Day, Board Activities, Hawk Watch, Membership, Hughes Testimonial and Pacific Recycling.

PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

September program is “Birding in the Galapagos Islands. October program will be on Trumpeter’s Swans.

SALES – JILL FANNING

No sales at September meeting. Audubon calendars will go on sale in October.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Bob Lopp taking care of coffee and Steve will bring juice. We will count the number of people at each meeting.

PUBLICITY – PAULA SMITH

Paula would like to form a committee for publicity. Let her know if you are interested. She showed several pieces of summer publicity for FAS.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – KAY MITCHELL

Need names for 2013-14 awards.

ADJOURNED AT 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary