

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2014
LOCATION: JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE. E.N.
KALISPELL, MONTANA

CALL TO ORDER – BOB LOPP @ 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT – Bob Lopp (chair), Lois Drobish, Jan Wassink, Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Bruce Tannehill, Kathy Ross, Gael Bissell, Steve Gniadek, Lewis Young, Ashley Mason, Denny Olson, Chaney Reon Ockert. Richard Kuhl, Paula Smith and Marylane Pannell.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Bob Lee/Jan Wassink) to approve with changes (OSNA) the FAS board minutes for December 16, 2013. PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL

The December fund drive was semi-successful. We have \$1,350 from the board with \$300 more when everyone pays their pledge. We have \$1,685 from the membership. We received \$2,000 from the Cinnabar Foundations. A check for \$500 went to Montana Audubon to support Jeff Mark's book on Montana birds, \$300 went to United Way, \$200 to our bulk mailing permit and the insurance was paid with a refund of \$50.

WEBSITE AD-HOC COMMITTEE – JAN WASSINK AND CHANEY OCKERT

Chaney gave a presentation on the website project proposal and answered questions regarding the site. Moved and seconded (Paula/Denny) to accept Chaney's proposal. PASSED. An ad-hoc committee was established with Paula, Denny, Kay, Jan and Ashley to meet in January to initiate Chaney's proposal.

EDUCATION – DENNY OLSON AND ASHLEY MASON

Ashley requested that the \$300 honorarium she received from a 6 week FVCC Elder Hostel class be used to purchase a teaching tablet. Moved and seconded (Denny/Richard) to use the \$300 honorarium toward the purchase of a teaching tablet for Ashley. PASSED.

Between January 20 and 25 Denny Olson's phrenology calendar committee to include Dan Casey, Gael Bissell and other knowledgeable naturalist will meet to fill in dates for the calendar. The calendar is to be completed by the tourist season, 2014.

Ashley outlined the January programs – Winter Trails Day at Blacktail, Prestige Assisted Living Winter Birds Program, Wildlife Film Festival in Whitefish and Scoop on Poop at the Kalispell Library. She requested board volunteers to participate in the Great Back Yard Bird Count at each of our four native plant gardens. Cathy Ross volunteered to be the Audubon liaison at the Somers School.

CONSERVATION – LEWIS YOUNG AND STEVE GNIADEK

GNP's Bull Trout plan comments are due by January 22. Talley Lake Ranger District has a request for a grazing permit on the Shepherd Creek Drainage. Lewis will investigate. Steve will participate in Flathead National Forest Plan – Collaborative Process in 2014.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT – KAY MITCHELL

An award will be given to the Whitefish Lake Institute at our January meeting. Gael will present an achievement award to Jan Metzmaker at our May meeting.

NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

The newsletter will include articles on the bird of the month, Christmas bird counts and the Owl Back Yard Bird Count. There will also be articles on Ashley's education programs, the Beauty of Birds Program, Board activities, the West Valley Naturalist meeting, State Bird Festival, donor list and future fund raising trips.

PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

The January program will be Chris Peterson's presentation on Glacier Park and the Bob Marshall WA. In February the program will be about hawks.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Lack of treat volunteers was discussed. Marylane will work on this problem at the January meeting.

INTERMOUNTAIN HOME – BOB LOPP

Bob discussed the plans for the Intermountain Home in the Lower Valley. Bob Lopp and Richard Kuhl will visit the site on Saturday.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

20 Kurt Lindsey calendars will be for sale at our January meeting.
Kay Mitchell will run our January meeting. Bob will be in Seattle.
Kathy Ross will do the publicity for Paula from January 26 – February 15.

ADJOURNED @ 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary