

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014
Jane Lopp & Associates, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – BOB LOPP @ 6:05 pm.

PRESENT – Bob Lopp, (chair) Bruce Tannehill, Denny Olson, Kay Mitchell, Kathy Ross, Bob Lee, Steve Gniadek, Richard Kuhl, Lois Drobish, Mike and Jill Fanning, Gael Bissell and Marylane Pannell.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Mike/Kay) to approve FAS board minutes for April 7, 2014.
PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL

The board approved the 2014-2015 proposed budget with two corrections. The speaker expenditure was increased to \$500. Moved and seconded (Mike/Denny) to accept the financial report and approve the proposed budget. PASSED.

PERSONAL – KATHY ROSS

Bob Lopp welcomed Kathy back after the death of her husband.

MAY POTLUCK PLANNING – JILL FANNING

Board members volunteered for the potluck including: Paula – coffee, cream and sugar, Bruce – Door unlocked at 5, table setup, auction money collection with Linda DeKort, check for \$225 to Fannings who paid for the Whitefish Community Center, and a sound system. Bruce will record Mow's presentation. Bob Lee and Linda DeKort – clean up.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

All taken care by Jill Fanning.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – JAN WASSINK (absent) but sent statement.

Jan will meet with Chaney next week to update changes to some sections of the new website.

EDUCATION/CALENDAR – DENNY OLSON AND BOB LOPP

Ashley Mason will not reapply for the education position but will work through June, 2014 and help with the job description and training of the new person. Several names were mentioned as replacements for Ashley. Before hiring the new person Denny suggested we re examine our priorities and the outcomes we desire from our education program. Mike Fanning, Linda DeKort with Denny will be on the selection committee. The goal will be to hire someone before Raptor Day.

Two Road Scholar days, July 17 and July 31, need to be covered in July. Bruce and his wife Gail along with Kathy Ross will take care of July 17 and Denny Olson will do the July 31 program.

The calendar work continues with Denny and Bob Lopp contacting businesses for \$500 donations to sponsor each month. RMO will purchase two months and the Sportsman one month so far.

BIRDATHON 2014 – BRUCE TANNEHILL

The pledge form is available on line. Use the sheets to get pledges at our potluck. New teams will be established with Bruce and John Hughes as the leaders.

FAMILY FORESTRY EXPO – BOB LEE

The Expo started this week with school groups visiting. Bob will take care of the booth for Audubon on Saturday.

TALLY LAKE WARBLER WEEKEND – MIKE FANNING

All the plans for Warbler Weekend are in the POST. It was moved and seconded (Denny/Bruce) that FAS pay the \$200 camping fee at Tally Lake that weekend so that individuals can camp free. . PASSED.

E-MAIL VOTING – BOB LEE

The rules for e-mail voting are in the FAS by-laws. Whether to e-mail vote on a subject will be left to the discretion of the President with the subject line “CONSENT MAIL” to all Board members. At least half of the board must vote to have a quorum.

WHITEFISH LAKE INSTITUTE – GAEL BISSELL

We have been asked to help with the printing of the brochure for the Whitefish Lake Institute’s Interpretive Nature Trail. It was moved and seconded (Mike/Richard) with an amendment by Bruce to donate \$200 to the Institute with the stipulation that a thanks to FAS with our website be mentioned on the brochure. PASSED.

OSNA – RICHARD KUHL AND BOB LOPP

Dave Poukish, DNRC Kalispell Unit Manager will follow the OSNA management policy regarding spraying for mosquitos. He is influenced by the Flathead Health Department’s determination regarding human health concerns. The neighbor of OSNA believes some weeds are spreading to his property and FAS is responsible. The OSNA Committee will meet with the County Weed Dept. in May to assess the weed situation.

CONSERVATION ACHEIVEMENT – KAY MITCHELL

Jan Metzmaker will receive the award at the May meeting. Gael Bissell will give the presentation.

Kay needs suggestions for future recommendations for Conservation Recognition Award. The group discussed some possibilities including the Algae Agua Culture Technology at Stolze Lumber and Foys to Blacktail Trail group. Alison Godfree was also mentioned. She helped with the native plant garden at West Valley School.

CONSERVATION – STEVE GNIADEK

The Wilderness Celebration on September 20 will need the new education person to coordinate FAS participation. FAS donated \$200 to the celebration.

The Flathead NF Collaborative Planning process is progressing, with focus now on management areas. FNF Planner Joe Krueger thinks it productive. Keith Hammer and others feel their comments are not getting to forest personnel and will send their comments directly to the forest supervisor.

Steve attended the South Fork/Middle Fork and North Fork management area meetings the week of April 21. There were some useful comments from the group, though the motorized use and protection camps are well apart in their ideas for forest management.

The Blackfeet Community College has identified a student to serve as loon coordinator the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, with funding support from the Montana Loon Society and the Biological Research Institute. Steve may also provide bird identification training for college staff this spring.

FIELD TRIPS – GAEL BISSELL

All future FAS field trips are listed in the POST.

NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

The next issue is September, 2014. Articles will include: September program, Bird of the Month, September letter from our President, field trips. Jewel Basin Hawk Watch, Birdathon results, Raptor Day planning, OSNA workday article, new website, calendar report, board activities, feeder watch and membership renewal.

PROGRAM - RICHARD KUHL

Our May program will be Supt Jeff Mow of Glacier National Park. He will need an agenda of our meeting to include time of his presentation. Also, Richard will check on equipment needs. Two suggestions for future programming were mentioned: passenger pigeons and polar bear expedition.

ADJOURNED at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary