

FLATHEAD AUDDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
Jane Lopp & Associates, 295 Third Avenue E.N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – BOB LOPP @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT – Bob Lopp, (chair) Bruce Tannehill, Kay Mitchell, Kathy Ross, Bob Lee, Steve Gniadek, Richard Kuhl, Mike and Jill Fanning, Gael Bissell, Lewis Young, Jim Rychwalski, Paula Smith, Jan Wassink and Marylane Pannell.

ELECTION OF ONE-YEAR TERM BOARD MEMBERS

Moved and seconded (Kay/Gael) to elect Kathy Ross, Jill and Mike Fanning and Bob Lee to one-year terms on the Board. PASSED.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Mike/Lewis) to approve FAS board minutes for May 5, 2014. PASSED.

BUDGET REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Birdathon made about \$5500, calendars cost \$5300. Richard said that the OSNA budget may not be enough for 2015 because of weed spraying, bridge construction and a new bulletin board. Moved and seconded (Kay/Mike) to accept the financial report. PASSED.

HOSPITALITY – KAY MITCHELL FOR LOIS DROBISH

The sheet for treat signup was circulated to the board.

EDUCATION– BOB LOPP

Ashley Mason's education report was circulated. Road Scholar was successful and Bruce received the money for the programs. Ashley Mason, Steve and Kathy will maintain the Raptor Day Audubon booth at Lone Pine State Park on September 6.

CALENDAR SALES – BOB LOPP

The calendars and signup sheet are available at Bob's office. Send money to Bruce stating your name, how many sold and how many left. Moved and seconded (Mike/Richard) to give one calendar and to sell up to seven calendars to June Ash for \$10 each. PASSED. Jill and Mike will take calendars to the state Audubon meeting in Polson to sell to chapter participants. Jill will not purchase any Workman calendars to sell at our local meetings. Gael will ask downtown merchants to sell our calendars. Kathy stated in order to sell in Glacier Park we need to show the prototype 2016 calendar by April 2015.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – KAY MITCHELL, PAULA SMITH AND JAN WASSINK

Our website needs lots of work and probably won't be available for a few months. The committee will review pages with help of committee chairs and work with Chaney to improve the site. The education and activities pages need to be available now; others will be "Under Construction".

OSNA WORK DAY – RICHARD KUHL

We will pull Houndstongue weeds and build bridge railings on that day. We need at least 20 members there to qualify for a \$1000 grant from Prudential. Discussion followed regarding weed control using herbicides on Canada Thistle and Oxeye Daisy near the Heaps property. Test plots will be established to monitor spraying results before actual spraying takes place possibly in October.

CONSERVATION AND WILDERNESS CELEBRATION – STEVE GNIADEK

Steve made comments on the Wolf Stamp issue and Flathead Forest Revision process continues. The Wilderness Celebration is on Sept. 20 at the Fairgrounds. Ashley Mason, Linda DeCort, Kathy and Steve will set up and maintain our booth.

WILEY-ROBBINS COMMITTEE – GAEL BISSELL

Dean Robbins is pleased with the work done on his property. An MOU agreement between Flathead Audubon and him has been approved. Our next project is to design and build a blind on the property.

MONTANA AUDUBON – MIKE FANNING AND BOB LEE

MAS has decided that their fiscal year would run from October 1st through Sept 30. MAS has a budget shortfall and will be reorganizing the office for 2015. Amy Seaman will replace Janet Ellis as lobbyist for MAS. Mike and Jill will attend the state meeting in Polson as substitutes for Bob.

FIELD TRIPS – GAEL BISSELL

Bat viewing, listening, capturing field trip on Sept. 5 from 8-11 p.m. at the Old Steel Bridge and the Fall Hawk Watch at Bad Rock Canyon on October 5, noon to 4.

ROY DIMOND BEQUEST – BOB LOPP

Roy's bequest includes his binoculars, scope and tripod for use with our education program plus his car, which will be sold by the chapter after the title is transferred to FAS.

NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

The October issue will include the bird of the month by Mary Neleson, Richard's article on conservation award winner, John Fredericks, field trips and summary of the spring bird survey by Gael. Also included will be pictures and an article about Raptor Day, a calendar article by Denny, Board activities, hawk watch, donations, new board directors, a book synopsis, bucket biology, house finch eye disease, program and the Wilderness Celebration summary.

PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

Tom Ulrich will give a photographic program on the “Anomalies and Curiosities of the Animal World “ at the September meeting. Frank Tyro will give a program on polar bears at the October meeting and Amy Seaman will present the November program on birds imperiled by climate change.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Bob Lee requested a list of Audubon members interested in leading bird trips for tourist. He receives many requests.

Kay reported we have received the grant for a new P.A. system, which can be used, at our September meeting.

Bob Lopp received thank you notes from Steve Hoffman and Jan Metzmaker.

ADJOURNED @ 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary