

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014
Jane Lopp & Associates, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – BOB LOPP @ 6:03

PRESENT – Bob Lopp, Mike and Jill Fanning, Denny Olson, Kay Mitchell, Bruce Tannehill, Bob Lee, Kathy Ross, Paula Smith, Linda Winnie, Lois Drobish, Jim Rychwalski, Jan Wassink, Steve Gniadek, Gael Bissell, Marylane Pannell and Brent Mitchell, guest.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Bob Lee/Steve) to approve FAS minutes for September 2, 2014. PASSED

TREASURER'S REPORT AND BUDGET – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Bruce sold the car donated to FAS by Roy Dimond for \$5500. The scope and binocular will be given to our Conservation Educator. Bruce recommended we not have a December Fund Raising effort this year since the calendar and Birdathon were successful. The income for our calendar sales is increasing, and the Birdathon netted \$5700. The newsletter has been paid for the year. Moved and seconded (Mike/Jan) to accept the financial report. PASSED

OWEN SOWERWINE – LINDA WINNIE

Richard Kuhl has resigned from the committee. Linda asked for recommendations for a new ground manager who will also be co-chair of the committee and in charge of workday. Work Day, 2014 had 23 participants, 15 weeded and 8 bridge rail builders. 34 bags of weeds collected and the bridge rails are complete. The committee also completed the biannual report that will be sent to the Board with no attachments. Weeds are an issue in Owen Sowerwine. Gael volunteered to join the weed subcommittee. Weed spraying was initiated and will continue for two years. FAS will no longer be applying for a Prudential grant for the workday. FAS did receive 1 of 20 international recognition awards from Prudential.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Treats are taken care of for October. We need one additional volunteer for November.

MONTANA AUDUBON FALL MEETING – MIKE FANNING

Mike attended the MAS meeting for Bob Lee. The Bird Festival will be held in Helena beginning June 5, 2015. The Helena office will be reorganized because Janet Ellis will probably be elected to the Legislature. MAS no longer has a deficit. MAS is seeking nominations for the Central-North Regional Director to NAS.

CONSERVATION EDUCATOR POSITION – DENNY OLSON

Paula, Kay, Linda DeKort, Bob Lee and Denny interviewed three candidates for the position. The contract will be rewritten and Patty's credentials will be checked. It was moved and seconded (Denny/Mike) to hire Patty Mason as Conservation Education for FAS. PASSED

CALENDAR SALES – DENNY OLSON

The page sponsors and the hospital have been billed for the calendars. Denny is already working on an alpine theme calendar for 2016. Costco will sell the calendar with no advertising. Discussion followed about the possibility of two calendar edition – one with advertising and one without.

FAS WEBSITE – KAY MITCHELL AND PAULA SMITH

The Home Page and OSWA have not been completed satisfactorily. The Board was offered three options: leave the home page alone and fix OSWA, redesign the home page using Chaney or hire a new contractor. After viewing the website and much discussion it was decided to thank Chaney for her work and hire someone else.

FIELD TRIPS – GAEL BISSELL AND KATHY ROSS

Almost 45 people came to the Hawk Watch and it was very successful. Kathy suggested some hawk education before the field trip perhaps at our general meeting. There are no plans at this time for other field trips.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

68 locals have renewed to date and we have 307 national members. Membership forms will be placed on the chairs at the October meeting.

CONSERVATION – STEVE GNIADEK AND GAEL BISSELL

The letter regarding Sage Grouse was sent. The Wilderness Celebration was successful. Gael passed out literature on the "Alvord Lake Community Forest Funding Proposal" and requested a donation from FAS to complete the project.

NEWSLETTER – KAY MITCHELL

Lewis Young completed the October newsletter. The November newsletter will contain these articles: Bird of the Month, Hawk Watch report, FAS calendars, an OSNA workday article, membership reminder, a thanks to Richard Kuhl for work, and the program for November.

PUBLICITY – PAULA SMITH

No report

PROGRAM – PAULA SMITH

The November program will be on birds imperiled by climate change presented by MAS staff member, Amy Seaman.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jill Fanning has reserved the campground at Tally Lake for our Warbler Weekend the last weekend in May.

ADJOURNED @ 8:53

Respectfully submitted
Marylane Pannell, Secretary