

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014
JANE LOPP & ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E.N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER-BOB LOPP @ 6:04

PRESENT: Bob Lopp, Richard Kuhl, Bruce Tannehill, Lois Drobish, Paula Smith, Jim Rychwalski, Steve Gniadek. Denny Olsen, Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, and Patricia Mason. Jan Wassink arrived during the calendar discussion.

OCTOBER MINUTES-Correct spelling is Roy Dimond. Forty-five people were at the Hawk Watch field trip. The word "has" should replace "have" in the third line under the MAS Fall Meeting News heading. After corrections it was moved and seconded (Paula, Kay) to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Lopp announced forms were available for those members who wish to present a talk at the July 2015 National Audubon convention. Possible free housing is available in the Washington DC area.

TREASURERS REPORT AND BUDGET-BRUCE TANNEHILL

Bruce presented a Profit and Loss statement for July 2014 through June 2015. Income for the period was \$24,498.69 and expenses were \$18,045.32. Investment income is doing well. Moved and seconded (Denny, Gael) to accept the financial report. Passed unanimously.

EDUCATION-DENNY OLSEN

Denny handed out the latest copy of the Independent Contractor Agreement for the Flathead Audubon Conservation Educator. Our new educator, Patricia Mason, reported she and Denny conferred about the need to redo the strategic plan. She wants to be involved in creating the new strategic plan. Motion made and seconded (Lewis, Kay) to sign and approve the new Independent Contractor Agreement with Patricia Mason as the new educator. Motion passed unanimously. Patricia signed the approved agreement.

HOSPITALITY: LOUIS DROBISH

Board members were asked to bring refreshments for the December meeting. Paula, Lewis, Gael and Jim agreed to do so. Other board members can sign up at the December board meeting.

CALENDER SALES-DENNY OLSEN

About 145 calendars left to sell. Agreements with Costco and the Glacier Fund to sell calendars for 2016 still not completed.

CONSERVATION-LEWIS YOUNG

Lewis and Gael explained the effort to purchase land to protect the Alvord Lake area near Troy, Montana. Moved and seconded (Richard, Denny) to pledge \$5000 from the Jack White fund for the Alford Lake project. Passed unanimously.

Richard brought up the new planning effort for the Montana state parks. Comments are due by mid November. Richard will bring more details to the November 10 general meeting.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD-KAY

Kay listed several possibilities but more suggestions wanted. Val Parsons, Jim Watson and Carol Bibler, and Foys to Blacktail were suggested. Kay will send a list to the Board for a December decision.

FAS WEBSITE- PAULA

Slowly working on the fix it list for the website. Kay, Paula and perhaps Patricia will attend a training session on how to deal with photos. Others welcome to attend.

FIELD TRIPS-GAEL

No field trips are scheduled in November. Dan Casey is organizing this year's Christmas bird count. He is training others for future bird counts. John Hughes is contacting last year's counting groups to see if they are still going to do a count this year. His effort is for a newsletter article.

MEMBERSHIP-MIKE FANNING

No report made. Fannings were absent.

NEWSLETTER-KAY

Kay announced the following articles: bird count schedules, Patricia Mason introduction, calendar sale results, legislative alerts and an Alvord Lake article.

PUBLICITY-PAULA

She will be gone from November 11-25.

PROGRAMS-RICHARD

Amy Seaman will discuss the impact of climate change on bird populations at the November 10 general meeting. Dan Casey will explain the Christmas bird count at the December 8 meeting.

BIRD BLIND COMMENTS-BOB LOPP

Dan Casey is working on plans but no details yet. The hope is to construct the blind during low water in 2015. Jan Wassink will handle the construction details. Blind will not be for public use but will be available to Flathead Audubon with permission from the landowner. A memorandum of understanding with the landowner has been completed and signed.

ADJOURNED @ 7:40

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Kuhl, Acting Secretary