

FLATHEAD AUDUBON ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015
WHITEFISH COMMUNITY CENTER, 121 SECOND ST. WHITEFISH, MT

The meeting was called to order by Bob Lopp at 7:00.

Doug Mason, GHS art teacher, introduced his students who participated in an Audubon Bird Project in his art class.

Linda Winnie thanked all the Audubon members for monitoring OSNA. Forms are available on line for the monitoring project for anyone who goes to the area. OSNA work day is August 22, 2015.

Neal Brown with Anne Morley has led a wildflower and bird walk in Bigfork for 20 years. He will not be available in June for the walks and asked for volunteers to lead the June hikes.

Patti Mason, our education coordinator, worked the Flathead Forestry Expo. All 5th grade student attend Monday through Friday with a family day on Saturday. 1900 people attended the expo. Patti has been in contact with 1400 people so far this year.

Denny Olson, education chair, spoke about our 2016 Audubon calendar with nature photos and activities in GNP and alpine species. Denny needs volunteers to contact and distribute the calendars to our area stores.

Lois Drobish has milkweed seeds for sale at the auction to encourage Monarch butterfly migration.

Bob Lopp mentioned we had 345 field trip participants in 2014-2015 and 600 people were at the programs at our monthly meetings.

The Birdathon is on June 13 – John Jays vs Tannehill Tanagers.

A great big thank you to Bruce Tannehill for being our FAS treasurer for the past 17 years. Thanks were also given to Steve Gniadek and Richard Kuhl who are retiring from the board this year.

It was moved and seconded (Denny Olson/John Hughes) to elect these new board members: Jake Bramante, Doug MacCarter and Jan Metzmaker. Reelected to the board were: Lewis Young and Paula Smith. PASSED. It was moved and seconded (Brett Mitchell/Denny Olson) to elect Kay Mitchell as president and Gael Bissell as vice president. PASSED.

Steve Hoffman, Montana Audubon Executive Director, presented information on the Montana Audubon's priority bird conservation efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.
Marylane Pannell, secretary