

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – KAY MITCHELL @ 6:05

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Mike Fanning, Jim Rychwalski, Marylane Pannell, Bob Lopp, Gael Bissell, Paula Smith, Bob Lee, Jake Bramante and Jan Metzmaker

MINUTES – MARYLANE

Moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2015 minutes with one spelling correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE

HOSPITALITY – LOIS

Marylane will find people at the October meeting to bring treats for 2015-2016.

PROGRAM – BOB LEE

Birds and Bees in the Garden will be the October program presented by Patricia McGlynn.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION – GAEL

Carol Bibler and Jim Watson will receive the recognition for their work on the Foy's to Blacktail Trail. Bob Lopp will present it to them. Several suggestions were made for future presentation including: Mike Smith, Alison Godfry, Rachel Potter, Cliff Kip and our Hawk Watch volunteers. It was moved and seconded (Mike/Jan Metzmaker) to give our next recognition to Barb Summer and bj Worth from the Hawk Watch. It was moved and seconded (Marylane/Paula) to give Dan Casey recognition in April or May. Steve Hoffman was mentioned as a possibility to give Dan the recognition.

OSNA – BOB LEE

OSNA was sprayed three times this year. Twelve people showed up on the OSNA workday on Monday, October 5. Jeanette Oliver is a new member of the OSNA committee.

WILEY-ROBBINS – BOB LEE

Bob Lee and Jan Wassink are working on getting the flood plan permit.

FINANCE/STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT – KAY

We need \$5800 additional money for 2016. Mike and Gael sent in an application for a Wetland Grant to be used to restart the student-mentoring program with high school and elementary students. Other possibilities were to increase the dues to \$25.00, include a giving envelope in our December newsletter, and increase

Birdathon asks. Jake mentioned he would be interested in working on a calendar for 2017. A committee will meet in November to draw up plans.

FIELD TRIPS – GAEL

Our next field trip is the Fall Hawk Watch at Bad Rock Canyon on October 11 following by autumn birding in the Mission Valley on October 25 and finally Late Fall Birding in the Flathead Valley on November 8.

JEWEL BASIN HAWK WATCH – KAY

In September over 2,000 birds were spotted which was the biggest ever in September.

WEBSITE – PAULA

Our options for the website homepage are to keep it the same or hire a contractor to remodel it. Maintenance options include retaining a contractor or hiring a contractor to make repairs as needed. The board will make a decision in November. Jake volunteered for the website committee.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE

We usually have about 200 members locally. 73 members have renewed. Mike will be sending postcard reminders to all others to renew their memberships.

CONSERVATION – LEWIS

Sent personalized letters to Montana's 2 Senators and 1 Representative advocating for a Yes vote on reauthorization of the Land & Water Fund. However, reauthorization did not pass.

NEWSLETTER – LEWIS

Contents for November issue

Program

Bird of the Month (Lincoln Sparrow) Gail Cleveland

Upcoming Field Trips

Report on Hawk Watch and Badrock Canyon Field Trip

OSNA Work Day Report

How/Where to Purchase Calendars

From the Board – Jim Rychwalski

Education Corner

Thank you to Bird of the Month authors

West Valley Naturalists meeting notice

Board Notes

Amazon Smile

Donations – all from May to current

Thank you to renewing members

Front page request to National-only members to provide their email address

to FAS

MT AUDUBON BOARD MEETING REPORT – BOB LEE

Bylaw changes that we voted on last month passed, vice president position is open, this year's budget is tight, Bird Festival will be in Missoula this year, Billings or Great Falls in 2017. Joe Batts was appointed as FAS alternate representative.

OTHER BUSINESS – GAEL

Gael announced that she has taken a part time job for Vital Ground. She expects that they will have financing in place and will request our earlier pledge of \$5,000 by December.

ADJOURNED at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary