

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER-KAY @6:05

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Jim Rychwalski, Marylane Pannell, Gael Bissell, Paula Smith, Bob Lee, Jake Bramante, Jan Metzmaker, Doug MacCarter, Kathy Ross, Joe Batts, GUESTS: Dan Casey and Barbara Summers.

MINUTES-MARYLANE

Moved and seconded (Lewis/Paula) to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2015 minutes with one spelling corrections – Jeanette Oliver. PASSED Gael Bissell's job as manager of Vital Ground not manager of NW Montana Vital Grounds.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS-KAY

Mary Nelesen was mentioned as an "at-large delegate to NAS " but was not interested. No nomination will be sent from FAS.

Jan Wassink has resigned from Board but will continue work on the bird blind at the Wiley Dike. Bob Lee is nomination chair so give him suggestions or ask potential board members yourself.

Kay would like all committee chairs to send a list of members to her by December 1, 2015.

Doug Mead joined the field trip committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT-JOE

The report was distributed. Dues collection is going well but calendar income is low at this time. Joe will have a meeting of his committee to decide areas of the budget in question. It was moved and seconded (Bob Lee/Gael) to accept the report.

PASSED

OSNA-LINDA WINNIE

The weed committee recorded all the weed work from this summer and discussed future plans.

The OSNA committee reviewed the memorandum of understanding between NAS and our local chapter, discussed long term protection for the area with Gael heading the committee, Signage will be improved and Rick Mace volunteered to build a bench for the viewing area. A registration sign will be added to the entrance area and boundary markers will be improved. Three new members of the committee include: Jim Rychwalski, Jeanette Olivier and Shawn Richmond.

HOSPITALITY-LOIS

Lois always needs help setting up and taking down our meeting room.

PROGRAM-BOB LEE

John Ashley will give the November program entitled "The Nature of the Night".

#### HAWK WATCH-JOE/DAN CASEY

Joe presented a power point program on the 2015 Hawk Watch with photos of our primary watchers: Barbara Summer and bj Worth. The program included count by species, by hour, by date and daily counts for three species. Dan Casey distributed a data sheet on the effort, results and benchmarks reached this year. An effort will be made to develop a consistent public relations program.

#### FIELD TRIPS-KATHY

One more field trip is planned for this year with Craig Hohenberger exploring the Creston wetlands and the east Kalispell area on Sunday, November 8. Plans will be made for the Christmas Bird Count in early December.

#### WEBSITE-PAULA/JAKE

Jake has done some work on our homepage to make it more dynamic and plans to add Twitter and Facebook accounts. If you send in a story it will require a photo. Some rebranding work will be done this year. The website co chair will be Jake.

#### MEMBERSHIP-MIKE

Absent

#### CONSERVATION-LEWIS

A letter was sent to FWP to encourage removal of the old buildings and restore the natural conditions of a 70-acre section of property in the floodplain called the Osprey View Fisheries Conservation Area.

#### NEWSLETTER-LEWIS

Bird of the Month, November program, Christmas bird count, osprey in the Flathead, calendars, education corner, highlights of board meeting, donations, Jan Wassink's resignation and annual appeal challenge with envelope included in newsletter.

#### OTHER BUSINESS – KAY

From Steve Gniadek a letter encouraging FAS to become involved in the bio-blitz at FVCC in June. Patty may be able to include it in her education program. Also Steve would like to have a volunteer attend the monthly Conservation Roundtable meetings each month. Gael volunteered.

Jim Rogers and Lisa Bate requested a \$500 donation from FAS to study harlequin ducks in GNP. It was moved and seconded (Gael/Kathy) to give \$500 to the fund.

#### PASSED

Kay will email the board and others for volunteers to work on 2017 FAS calendar.

ADJOURNED at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary