

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY January 4, 2016  
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – KAY @ 6:07

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Jim Rychwalski, Marylane Pannell, Gael Bissell, Paula Smith, Bob Lee, Jake Bramante, Jan Metzmaker, Kathy Ross, Joe Batts, Paula Smith, Mike and Jill Fanning, Denny Olson, Bob Lopp, Lisa Flowers and Bruce Tannehill.

MINUTES – MARYLANE

Moved and seconded (Gael/Denny) to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2015 meeting with one correction: Lisa Bates should be Lisa Bate. PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE

The Board was very generous in giving to FAS. The membership was not so generous. The Board won the challenge. We may need a different moneymaker next year. Joe will send out the treasurer's report. Moved and seconded (Jan/Lewis) to accept the report. PASSED. Last year FAS had 180 members. At this time we have 170 members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – KAY

\*Don Snow, an FAS long time member, died in December. His passing will be mentioned at our February meeting.

\*Kay welcomed our past treasurer, Bruce Tannehill and introduced Lisa Flowers as our new Conservation Educator.

CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION – GAEL

The recognition will be awarded to the primary Jewelers of the Hawk Watch over the last six years. Gael will write an article for the POST.

EDUCATION – DENNY AND LISA

\*Lisa and Denny will meet with 'Asta Bowen, Rob Ford and Libby Zimmerman to work on a grant for 10 million dollars to create a Community School at Flathead High School.

\*The Education Committee will meet the last Monday of each month.

\*We will offer free tuition to high school mentors to the FAS program, "The Beauty of Birds".

\*Denny purchased a \$125.00 gift certificate to a gardening store for Patti Mason. He asked that Board members help with the cost.

\*Lisa has met with Patti regarding her position. The office of the Educator needs organization and Lisa requested shelving for her office.

AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE AND OTHER FIELD TRIPS – KATHY AND GAEL

Kathy would like a co-coordinator for the field trip to the American Prairie Reserve on May 21 and 22. She has alternative plans to Matador Ranch and a wildlife refuge

if the road to the Reserve is not passable that weekend. Michael Wainwright, Giving and Foundation Manager for the Reserve, will give the FAS program in March.

#### TALLY LAKE WARBLER WEEKEND – MIKE AND JILL FANNING

All summer weekends are booked at the campground during the 2016 summer months. Discussion followed regarding an alternative place and date. It was decided to book the campground for June 9 and 10. The Birdathon will be June 18.

#### OSNA/MA MOU – BOB LEE

The Board discussed whether an FAS member needed to be present at OSNA for all field trips to the area. Kathy will check with Linda Winnie. It was moved and seconded (Bob/Paula) to approve the amended the Memorandum of Understanding between Montana Audubon and Flathead Audubon Society. PASSED

#### CONSERVATION - LEWIS

\*We are waiting for approval from the Flathead Planning Board for the flood plan permit to begin construction of the bird blind at Wiley Slough.

\*Doug MacCarter must contact Mike Fanning regarding the mini grant for the osprey nest project. The final date to request the grant is January 31, 2016.

\*Received thanks from the governor for the letter in support of Montana Approach to the Clean Power Act.

\*Bob Lee, Jake and Steve Gniadek all attended the Flathead Conservation Round Table meeting.

#### NEWSLETTER – LEWIS

February newsletter will include: Bird of the Month, field trips, an article by Lisa Flowers, Christmas Bird Count, Board actions, Montana Bird Festival, OSNA article by Linda Winnie, donation, Backyard Bird Count, results of the Board challenge, thanks to Jack Jay, article by a board member, directory changes, Nebraska Crane Festival and a short article on Don Snow.

#### HOSPITALITY – LOIS

Thanked all for arranging our meeting room. It was moved and seconded (Mike/Kathy) to lower the price of our calendars to \$10. PASSED.

#### WEBSITE – PAULA AND JAKE

\*Discussed E-Commerce. Moved and seconded (Marylane/Jan) to not include E-commerce on our FAS website. DENIED. It was decided to have the Website Committee work out a policy and present it to the Board. Bob Lee volunteered to be on the committee.

\*Jake and Denny want to do the formatting and writing for the calendar but want someone else to be in charge of sales and production. We will begin to give out calendars free to teachers, guest speakers and Conservation Achievement Recognition recipients.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM – BOB LEE

Lisa Bate will present a program on her research in GNP in January. Future programs will include: Janene Lichtenberg a wildlife biologist from Salish Kootenai College, Beverly Skinner, biologist, Lost Trail National Wildlife Refuge and Dr. Marco Restani from Montana Audubon.

## OTHER BUSINESS

\*Bob Lee asked for volunteers to the Nomination Committee. He will begin working on the slate of officers and new board members soon.

\*Joe stated we need a storage area for all the FAS materials. Send ideas to Kay.

\*Hawk Watch involvement will be discussed in March.

\*Joe will contact Hawk Watch volunteers to work on redesigning the forms so they can be scanned easily.

Adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary