

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016  
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – KAY @ 6:00

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Marylane Pannell, Gael Bissell, Paula Smith, Bob Lee, Jan Metzmaker, Kathy Ross, Joe Batts, Mike Fanning, Denny Olson, Bob Lopp and Doug MacCarter.

GUESTS: Bruce Tannehill, Cory Davis and Barbara Summer.

MINUTES – MARYLANE

It was moved and seconded (Mike/Kathy) to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes.

MAY PROGRAM – BOB LEE

Dr. Marco Restani from Montana Audubon will speak about Northern Saw-whet Owls at our annual potluck in Whitefish on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

MT AUDUBON REQUEST FOR DONATION – BOB LEE

MA requested that FAS give an additional \$2000 each year for five years to MA. Bob Lee explained that MA has used some of their investments to meet their yearly budget. According to MA FA has donated \$2,000 (which includes OSNA) per year to MA and is asking us to double our donation to \$4000. The Finance Committee met to discuss this request. The reason MA maintains we gave \$2000 is because of OSNA. The committee felt we gave \$1000 and suggested we give \$1000 more. It was moved and seconded (Gael/Jan) to give \$1000 in chapter support plus \$500 for legislative support and \$500 for IBA's (in addition to our local North Shore IBA and OSNA IBA) for one year to MA. PASSED Kay will send this year's donation of \$1000 and a letter explaining our concerns to Steve Hoffman regarding their request for \$4000 and also asking for accountability for MAS funds.

BIRD BLIND @ WYLIE SLOUGH- BOB LEE

The permits process for building the blind is complete at a cost of \$5000. The blind is being paid for through the Jack White Fund. Joe will set up an account at Western Building Center for building supplies for use by Jan Wassink. Kay suggested we look around our own homes for materials to donate to the project. Work parties will be organized at our annual potluck.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE

\*Joe and Bruce Tannehill are working on the budget for next year but have not completed the work. We will address the budget at our June 6 board meeting.

\*Joe created a database of all user names and passwords for our accounts. It was moved and seconded (Joe/Denny) to give Bruce Tannehill, former treasurer, access to the user names and passwords for FAS accounts. PASSED.

\*The Board discussed increasing FAS annual dues to \$25 for a basic membership and \$40 for a supporting membership. The last dues increase was about 10 years

ago. After checking the by-laws the Board concluded an increase in dues should be voted on by the membership at our annual meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### HOSPITALITY – LOIS

All of us need to help put the WF Community Building back in order after the potluck. Bruce will have the key, Marylane will bring a screen and Kay will bring the sound system, banner, plates, utensils and cups. Gael will check with Dan Casey to see if he is willing to give a guided Hawk Watch tour this fall. We will auction it off at the annual meeting in Whitefish.

#### WARBLER WEEKEND @ TALLY LAKE – MIKE

The dates are June 9 and 10, Thursday and Friday. We must be out by 11 Saturday morning. Gael will provide a whiteboard. Denny and others will bring firewood. Jill will have coffee for us in the morning.

#### BIRDATHON – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Bruce handed out pledge sheets for the Birdathon to all board members and will also be sending out last years tally sheets and talking points for the event.

#### EDUCATION – DENNY

\*Lisa Flowers has resigned as CE as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Denny gave her report. The Beauty of Birds went well. The FVCC class was well attended. Contract and Strategic Plan Calendar were mailed to all Board members and Denny complimented Lisa on a job well done.

\*It was moved and seconded (Mike/Jan) to offer the contract as Conservation Educator to Denny Olson per his proposal on the condition that he resign from the board before signing the contract. PASSED

#### FIELD TRIPS/AMERICAN PRAIRIE RESERVE STATUS – KATHY

Field trips are scheduled for many weekend during the summer months. We discussed sending a procedure form to all group leaders. Kay will meet with Beth Watne to encourage Wild Wings to accommodate FAS wishes.

#### CONSERVATION – LEWIS

Table until June 6 meeting

#### NEWSLETTER – LEWIS

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#### HAWK WATCH – GAEL

Mark Ruby, USFS, accepted our ideas for the Hawk Watch and Gael will meet with him this week. We cannot use the cabin at Jewel Basin but the USFS will provide space for a small camper. Jake is working on a webcam for the Hawk Watch.

## WEBSITE AND ECOMMERCE GUIDELINES – PAULA

It was moved and seconded (Denny/Lewis) to accept changes to the “Flathead Audubon and E-Commerce Guidelines” regarding (c) other third party offers. PASSED. Paula refused to let us go until 6 members volunteered to write articles for the website blog. These members will write articles and send them in by the end of May: Denny, Joe (2), Kathy, Cory and Doug.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- \*Kay has 125 Montana Audubon Festival brochures.
- \*Board members must bring their total work hours, July 1-June 30, to our June meeting.
- \*Road scholar dates will be sent to all by Denny.
- \*Kathy will attend the Salish Kootenai Festival to represent FAS.
- \*Jan suggested we participate in next year’s “Give Local Flathead” at Gateway Mall.
- \*FWP will host migratory bird day field trips on May 14. Leaders are needed.
- \*Joe recommended that we revise our by-laws and constitution to bring them up to date. Bob Lopp agreed to be part of the revision committee.

ADJOURNED at 9:10

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary