

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2016
Jane Lopp & Associates

Present: Doug MacCarter, Jake Bramanate, Kay Mitchell, Mike and Jill Fanning, Gael Bissell, Jan Metzmaker, Lewis Young, Bob Lopp, Bob Lee, Lois Drobish, Marylane Pannell, Cory Davis, Joe Batts and Barb Summer. Guests: Brent Mitchell, Jim Rogers, Bryan Upton, Laura Katzman and Paul Travis.

Presentations: Jim Rogers and Bryan Upton – Bison Range Transfer
Laura Katzman and Paul Travis – Flathead Land Trust

Kay called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

It was moved and seconded (Mike/Gael) to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2016. PASSED

Treasurer – Joe will receive and file the treasurer's report.

***It was moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Joe) to add Gael's name to the WFCU account and Bruce Tannehill's name to our Domini Social Investments, Vanguard and Edward Jones investment accounts. PASSED**

*Bruce has agreed to analyze our investment accounts. Membership deposits are behind last year's.

President – Kay brought us up to date on our insurance coverage.

*FAS has two policies. One covers the board and officers and the second covers general liability including driving to and from field trips. The policy costs \$1050.00.

*John Lutz resigned as director of the Billings Education Center.

*A list of Pileated Post December 2016 articles was distributed.

*The November meeting room has changed to Room #26 at the Gateway Community Center to accommodate the crowd expected for Jake's program.

*At the December Board meeting we will update FAS brochures.

Hawk Watch - Barbara reported the last day for the Watch was today. She reported 2,600 raptors counted. Thirty days were lost to weather; therefore, the eagle count was lower.

Programs - Bob Lee has the programs scheduled for the year. Jake's program will be "40 Days in Yellowstone" and in December the program will be the Christmas Bird Count. Jake plans to give wall maps to new FAS memberships at his program.

Website Committee Report – Jake reported the FAS trunk checkout is available on line and we will sell the bird song CD on line.

OSNA - Bob Lee reported the land transfer has hit a snag.

Conservation Achievement Recognition – Gael distributed a list of possible CAR candidates. We pared the list down to three in January, March and April and another in October 2017.

It was moved and seconded (Jan/Bob Lee) to write a letter of support for the Bison Range transfer. PASSED

It was moved and seconded (Marylane/Gael) to pledge \$10,000 to the Flathead Land Trust to support purchase of the West Valley Wetlands Conservation Project. PASSED

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary