

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2017
Gateway Conference Room

Present: Kay Mitchell, Joe Batts, Gael Bissell, Jan Metzmaker, Barb Summer, Mike and Jill Fanning, Rod Walette, Lois Drobish, Bob Lee, Cory Davis, Carol Jorgenson, Marylane Pannell, Kathy Ross, Denny Olson, Bruce Tannehill and Gail Linne

Called to order at 6:00 by Kay Mitchell

Minutes of the June 5, 2017 were approved (Mike/Gael) PASSED.

Introductions - Bob introduced new board member, Carol Jorgenson, and the new chair of the education committee, Gail Linne.

Treasurer's report – Joe reported we have \$8,000 cash in the bank that should get us through the year. \$2,000 to Denny each month and \$300-\$400 monthly for the newsletter. We have not collected all the money for each page of our calendar. It was moved and seconded (Bob/Kathy) to receive and file the treasurer's report.

PASSED

***Assets** – Bruce outlined our assets with \$10,000 going to the West Valley easement property.

***Financials through June 2017** – Bruce presented details of our budget June 2016 – July 2017. It was moved and seconded (Jan/Gael) to receive and file the report.

PASSED

Hawk Watch – Barb reported the team is using an ipad to gather statistics and they are available on line at dunkadoo.org. The month of September is covered. B.j. Worth needs a reimbursement of \$200 for the five batteries purchased for the ipads. Contracts have been signed by Barb, Kathy and Rod. Need contracts from b.j. and Josh.

President's Business – Kay

*It was moved and seconded (Gael/Barb) to place Jill and Mike, Bob and Kathy on the board for a one-year term. **PASSED** It was moved and seconded (Bob/Jill) that Carol Jorgenson will complete resigning board member, Lewis Young's, term on the FAS board.

*Education Contract It was moved and seconded (Jan/Cory) to approve the contract for conservation educator, Denny Olson. **PASSED**

*It was moved and seconded (Barb/Marylane) to give a grant of \$100 to the Flathead Conservation Roundtable. **PASSED**

*Doug MacCarter resigned from the FAS board.

*Tech Soup order offered by Mike Fanning. Board members can order updated software for a reasonable price.

*C.A.R. award will be given to Steve Thompson this month, Janet Ellis in October.

Gael asked the board for additional suggestions.

- *Kay's goals for 2017-2018
- **Make meetings more efficient
- **Develop legal steps to an endowment fund
- **Board trip to Wylie area
- **Field trip guidelines ready for Bird Festival in June
- **Pay for Hawk Watch
- **MA state convention successful

Birdathon – Bruce was unable to give us a final tally for the birdathon. Data entry needs to be more organized.

Calendar Update – Asked Lana Batts to write a report. Jill will sell at our meetings. All board members are to bring the number sold and amount of calendars they have left to our next board meeting.

October newsletter – Linda Winnie typed a list of recipients of courtesy copies of the Pileated Post for the board to update. Discussion followed regarding an email list of FAS members who would like to receive occasional notices about new things happening or changes to previously announced information. No decision was made.

Conservation – Kay reported letters were sent from FAS regarding the radio tower and the bison range.

Hospitality – Cory passed around the treat list for the year. Kay detailed plans for announcements and field trips at our monthly meetings.

Education – Denny described his activities at OSNA. Cory and Rod will help with 4th and 5th grade class education and on the cottonwood tree survey by IB students.

Field Trips – Cory created guidelines for future field trips. He asked Board members to send him any suggestions or additions. The board will vote on the guidelines at the October board meeting.

Programs, MA, OSNA – Bob has monthly programs lined up through Jan 2018. In September Jay Sumner will present a program on Peregrine Falcon in Montana. MA will meet in Kalispell September 9-11. Kay will substitute for Bob on Saturday at the meeting. OSNA workday is September 30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell