

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD MEETING  
October 2, 2017  
Gateway Conference Room

Present: Joe Batts, Kay Mitchell, Jan Metzmaker, Barb Summer, Rod Walette, Lois Drobish, Bob Lee, Cory Davis, Carole Jorgenson, Marylane Pannell, Kathy Ross, Denny Olson, Gail Linne and Jake Bramante. Guest: Dean Robbins

Called to Order at 6:10 by Kay Mitchell

**MINUTES** of the September 5, 2017 were approved (Jan/Rod) PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Joe reported we have \$8,000 cash in the bank. He showed the board the EXCEL accounts. We have 175 local members and some national members who do not join the local. It was moved and seconded (Marylane/Kathy) to receive and file the treasurer's report **PASSED**.

**PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

\*Personnel List. Rod lives in Kalispell and Mike's zip code correction.

\*Materials for second banner. Discussion regarding material and stand for the banner. Vinyl material was discussed. Kay will look into the cost and printing.

\*Meeting with MT Audubon rep re Bird Festival will take place before the November board meeting in the Gateway Conference room. Marylane will be absent.

**HAWK WATCH UPDATE** - Barb announced the 26 survey days listed 1800 raptor. Very few adult raptors have passed through. She is hoping for additional survey days in October.

**CALENDAR UPDATE – MARKETING** - Kay counted 306 calendars that members have in their possession. 800 are in storage. Jake will send the database again to all of us so we can check stores for additional holidays sales. Please make a note on the database if stores do not wish to sell our calendars. Denny is working with the KRMC. Denny will begin work on the 2019 calendars once the board decides to go ahead with plans for another year.

**NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER CONTENTS**

We send the national members our newsletter but don't receive payment covering printing and mailing. No emails are available only addresses from National to send our newsletter to these National members. Dan Casey will be asked to write an article about the Hawk Watch.

Linda Winnie sent three issues of concern from the newsletter committee. The board decided the following:

\*The committee should keep the Education articles to one page. Gail and Denny will write their two articles and Denny periodically will write an "edutainment" article to be noted in the newsletter but will be a link on our webpage.

\*The board will not designate the length of newsletters. This will be left to the committee.

\*The board would like to continue sending the newsletter as an attachment and would approve putting the newsletter on our website.

**CONSERVATION** - Carole will become the Conservation co-chair with Lewis Young. Carole wrote letter regarding the Bison Range Complex to Bev Skinner that was well received and appreciated. Jan reported the DNRC has cut the Flathead Basin Commission by 90%. She will go to the Legislative Finance Committee to fight the cut.

**EDUCATION** - Denny and Gail reported on the work of the committee. The Bird of Prey Festival had 500 in attendance and was well received. Paula Smith took care of PR for the day and did a marvelous job. Denny is working with the Flathead High IB program, Montessori School, Montana Conservation Corp and several elementary schools in the education program.

**FIELD TRIPS** - Cory revised the **guidelines for** Flathead Audubon field trips. With a few suggested changes the **guidelines** will be distributed to leaders and attendees at all field trips.

**PROGRAMS, MA, OSNA, WILEY BIRD BLIND RAMP** -Bob reported Janet Ellis will give the October program and will receive the C.A.R. MA has hired a new executive director. Joe Batts was elected vice president of the MA board. OSNA workday participants pulled and cut weeds and mowed trails. Several FAS board members toured the Wiley Bird Blind and Dean Robbin's land before the meeting. The committee will submit plans to the RoundUp for Safety group to fund building the ramp to the blind.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary