

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY
Gateway Conference Room
April 2,2018

Present: Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Kathy Ross, Barb Summer, Jake Bramante, Denny Olson, Cory Davis, Rod Walette, Lois Drobish, Carole Jorgenson, Marylane Pannell and Pam Willison, guest.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.

Minutes of the March 5, 2018 were approved (Marylane/Kathy). **PASSED**

Treasurer's report. In Joe's absence Kay went over the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was received and filed. (Barb/Bob) **PASSED**

FAS Constitution/Bylaws. It was moved and seconded (Gael/Carole) to remove the asterisks and related sentences from the FAS Constitution/Bylaws and to bring it to a vote before the membership at the May meeting. **PASSED**

Education Committee Report. Renee Cordes has joined the committee and ten Audubon members are ambassadors to our elementary schools.

Conservation Educator's Report. Denny continues work on the trail from the Kalispell Montessori to OSNA. The Beauty of Birds will be cancelled this year and may be offered bi-annually. The Earth Day celebration is April 21st in Whitefish and an Arbor Day celebration will be held at Woodland Park. Denny will be busy with the Forestry Expos and school programs during April and May. Road Scholars schedule is complete for the summer.

Grants Activity. Gael asked for suggestions to complete an "Audubon in Action" grant application. Several board members offered suggestions to create an application including working on the land, bird friendly and resulting in a community conservation project. The next meeting of the committee will be Wednesday, April 4 from 2-4 with the location to be announced.

Calendar Distribution. Jake brought two boxes of calendar and refused to take them home with him. They will be stored in our storage area in our meeting area. Several suggestions were made for final distribution.

President's Report.

*Silent auction price slips will be sent to board members and will be available at the May meeting.

*May meeting will be very short with dinner at 6, Constitution/Bylaw changes, officer/board elections, President's report and keynote speaker, Larry Berrin.

*Three festival nominations will be given: Educator: Denny, Lifetime Achievement: Lewis Young and Conservationist of the Year: Steve Gniadek.

*No one volunteered to Emcee the Montana Audubon Bird Festival and FAS will not provide walkie-talkies for field trips.

*Board members bring their hours of work to our next board meeting.

May Newsletter. Kathy will write an article regarding bird feeders and bears.

FAS Board and Officers Nominations. Several names were mentioned including: Pam Willison, Derek Rathe, Diane Boyd and Jay Downen. Three board members terms are ending and they will be asked to continue to serve.

Waiver Forms. The board discussed waiver forms for field trips. After some discussion the board thought a one-sheet form with the waiver and photo release at the top and signatures below would be appropriate. Joe will be asked to investigate what other chapter's use.

Hospitality. Lois may ask members who bring treats to our monthly meeting to bring finger foods to prevent the spread of colds/flu.

FAS Brochures. Moved and seconded (Gael/Kathy) that the board authorize Kay to print 1,000 FAS brochures (two-sided, tri fold) for approximately \$250 after the board has seen the final product. **PASSED**

Other business.

*Kathy announced FAS has a great list of birding opportunities for the summer. We will thank our field trip leaders in the newsletter

*Jake has received requests to give programs to FAS. We discussed programs based on science and those programs from lobbyist. A policy will be established regarding programming and literature distribution at our FAS sponsored programs.

*Gail Sullivan's husband died. She was past FAS secretary. Kay will send a card.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Sincerely submitted,
Marylane Pannell , S0ecretary