

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY
Gateway Conference Room
October 1, 2018

Present: Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Kathy Ross, Denny Olson, Cory Davis, Carole Jorgenson, Marylane Pannell, Jill and Mike Fanning, Gail Linne, Joe Batts, Jan Metzmaker, Gael Bissell, Pam Willison, Bob Lopp, Jake Bramante and Derrick Rathe.

Kay called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Minutes of the September 3, 2018 were approved (Bob/Bob).
PASSED

Derrick Rathe was nominated and approved to fulfill Barb Summer's position on the Board (Bob Lopp/Jan). PASSED

Financials from Bruce Tannehill were received and filed. Bob Lopp questioned the "Donations Unrestricted" category.

Treasurer's Report: Joe presented the September report with additions including Denny's salary and 10 memberships. The treasurer's report was received and filed (Mike/Bob Lopp) PASSED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Orientation session for new board members will occur in November after Diane Boyd's return.

Sound System has been stolen. Denny will allow us to use his sound system for the year.

Software Upgrades: Mike will order upgrades for computer software for our group or individuals.

Calendars: Doug Jill has ordered extra National Audubon calendars and these will be available for sale at our meetings.

Sympathy card was sent to Doug MacCarter.

West Valley Viewing Area plans were discussed. Cathy Ross will create a native plant garden at the site. Other donations from FAS suggested were benches, bluebird houses and a spotting scope.

Conservation Achievement Recognition Awards Gael presented a list of possible recipients for January, March and the fall, 2019. We

voted to recognize Doug and Don MacCarter, the West Valley land Owners and Mary and Gary Sloan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memberships: Mike reported we have approximately 400 members.

Education: Gail reported the committee's plans for 2019 include: involvement in tours of places that FAS is active, Cross Foundation Grant request to create a video "Why Birds Rock", an effort to increase FAS presence in Whitefish, develop a new trunk, promote citizen science, involvement in MEA Convention and exploring high school students involvement in FAS activities.

Birds of Prey Festival: Denny stated approximately 800 attended. Parking was a problem at Lone Pine and needs to be looked at next year. Wild Wings was mistakenly reported as the sponsor not FAS. Kay has written the DIL and plans to visit their office to speak to the reporter. Denny thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Field Trips: Cory and Kathy reported on two upcoming field trips. Sunday, October 14 at 8 am to the Ninepipes area led by Leslie Kehoe and Bob Lee and the other by Lisa Bates at Jammer Joes in GNP on October 13 from 12-4.

Hospitality: Lois is ill and probably will not be returning to FAS. Cory will be taking care of set up and take down at the end of our meetings. Joe will be taking care of the nametags.

Website: Jake will work to organize the "Bird of the Month" site while Jan will continue to list field trips on the site.

Publicity and Social Media: Jan continues to keep newspapers and social media up-to-date regarding FAS events.

OSNA: Bob Lee reported 14 people worked 40 hours at OSNA workday cleanup.

FAS Programs: Bob Lee has several of the monthly meeting programs arranged including the Christmas Bird Count and Diane Boyd.

MA Board Meeting: Joe is VP of MA. He explained the lack of recognition for Janet Ellis who is retiring from the MA Board. MA will increase communication with the local chapters and develop a political and conservation policy.

Nominations: Bob Lopp volunteered to be the MA alternate to their Board meeting.

Conservation: Carole and FAS have written in support of Forest Legacy, Smith Lake Community Forest, National Bison Range, Grizzly Demographic and EA for Alfalfa Conservation.

Executive/Finance: The FAS board has decided to again have a Board Challenge. Also it was decided to have another Birdathon on June 15. The Tally Lake birding weekend will be June 1 and 2 while the State Bird Festival is June 7-9 in Glasgow.

“Girls who Code” at Russell School were asked to develop an computer app for Bruce Tannehill’s bird songs CD. The Board decided to auction off items left from our yearly sale in May. Jan will sell tickets for auction items at each general meeting. FAS will apply to be included in the Great Fish Foundation event next year. It was moved and seconded (Bob/Jan) to adopt the Operational Policy “Requests for Outside Access to Flathead Audubon”

Other Business: Denny made available a new trunk on chickadees.

Meeting adjourned 9:05

Sincerely submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary