

Monthly Flathead Audubon Society

November 6, 2006

Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room

295 3rd Avenue E. North

Kalispell, MT 59901

Attending: Bob Lopp, Chair; Gail Sullivan, Bob Lee, Marcy Mahr, Sonja Hartmann, Leslie Kehoe, Barbara Grove, Kaye Mitchell, Lois Drobish, Lisa Discoe, Paula Smith, Linda Winnie, Linda deKort, Mike and Jill Fanning, and Shirley Harrison

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Lois gave us the information on the Celebration of Life for Rod Ash, who died November 5, 2006

Linda deKort moved that we donate \$100 to the Swan Ecosystem in Rod's name. Mike seconded and motion was unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Owen Sowerwine. FAS submitted comments on Riata Ridge project, which is adjacent to Owen Sowerwine. The Owen Sowerwine Committee has been meeting with the neighbors to get their comments. The next City/County planning meeting is on November 14 and Shirley filled us on what has been happening. Shirley will send an email reminding us of meeting and where to send comments.

OS Conservation Easement. Preliminary appraisal on Owen Sowerwine. Montana Land Reliance drafted a conservation easement, with Janet Ellis' and Brent Mitchell's help. There will be another meeting on November 15 to provide long-term protection for Owen Sowerwine Natural Area. . Interested parties: The Lakers, Flathead Lake Trust, Gail Bissell, (FWP), Montana Power, Janet Ellis, Dan Casey (ABC), Bob Lopp, Linda Wiinie and Brent Mitchell and other members of the Owen

Sowerwine Committee. Mike moved and Bob seconded that FAS host the meeting and FAS will cover the lunch costs.

Field Trips, Refuge Projects: Leslie said that only December field trip is Christmas Bird Count, which will be December 16. The November field trip is not in the latest newsletter. Leslie will get together a couple of January field trips.

Birdseed Sales: Most of the 284 sacks have been sold, except for 50 sacks at Condon, which were not sold since the passing of Rod. It was a very successful seed sale and someone else needs to take it over next year. Mike thinks our net profit will be approximately \$1650. We should look at other suppliers for next year.

Membership. 100 FAS members have signed up with 65 past members still not signed up. In the December newsletter, it was suggested that there be a list of paid FAS members.

Sales, calendars: Nothing new on calendars and books. For December there will be some new items, including notecards. Linda deKort is going to bring back pots from Mexico to sell at Audubon meetings. Bob Lopp moved and Kaye Mitchell seconded that FAS advance Linda deKort \$100 to buy pots and woven items to bring back.

Financial Audit: Kaye Mitchell passed out and discussed the audit report that she prepared after auditing Bruce's FAS books. They were very clear and concise. Kaye thinks that it would be a good idea for someone else to do next year, just to make sure the audit stays impartial.

Barbara Grove has agreed to become involved with the Education and Hospitality Committees.

Conservation Awards: The December award will go to Lex Blood, with Ben Long writing the article and Bob Lopp and Bob Lee making the

presentation. We need suggestions for future awards. Shirley will interview people at Stolze's Lumber Co., and email the board information so we can make the decision whether or not to award them a conservation award.

Jill moved and Leslie seconded that we recognize the Habitat for Humanity Store for the February meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

Newsletter: Schedule for "From the Board Members" articles. Barbara will do January issue; Marcy Mahr, March issue; Leslie, February issue; Shirley, December issue-Riata Ridge project; and Linda deKort, April issue. Contents for December issue: Bird of the Month, Conservation Award, Christmas Bird Count, Bob's column, Shirley's Riata Ridge article, other Christmas Bird counts, Mike's birdseed sale report and Jill will write an article about sale items available. Articles about Rod Ash and Jack Whitney. **January is the 30th anniversary of the Flathead Audubon newsletter.**

Next Monday's general meeting we will start to sell raffle tickets for the donated hummingbird photo.

Hospitality: Lois said that we are fine for signups for goodies for the next meeting and December the board will be responsible to bring goodies.

Publicity. The Chuck Haney program publicity is out and Paula is now working on the publicity on the December Christmas Bird Count program.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan
Secretary