

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting  
April 2, 2007  
Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room  
295 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E. North  
Kalispell, MT 59901

In attendance: Bob Lopp, Chair; Sonja Hartmann, Gail Sullivan, Nancy Zapotocki (new FAS Education Coordinator), Linda deKort, Brent and Kay Mitchell, Bob Lee, Leslie Kehoe, Lois Drobish, Lewis Young, Marcy Mahr, Paula Smith, Lisa Discoe, Mike and Jill Fanning

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Nancy Zapotocki introduced herself and told us about her background and what projects she hoped to accomplish as the FAS Education Coordinator.

There was no formal agenda sent out prior to meeting and Bob decided to try something different tonight. We would go around the table and people can discuss whatever is relevant, ie., recent trips, committee information, etc.

Lewis Kehoe discussed the Montana Audubon sponsored birding tour that she took that was led by Jeff Marks. The tour took place in Mexico. They saw 280+ species.

The March minutes were not available for approval.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Trips. Leslie discussed the coming FAS April and May field trips.

Bob Lee discussed the Freezeout Lake field trip that he participated in. The last weekend of March seems to have greatest number of birds.

Newsletter. For next month articles: Field trips, Paula will do an article on the FAS website, Bob-President's Column, Bird of the Month-Kingfisher-Jeannie Marcure, Herp Days, volunteers needed for Rod Ash Day at Lone Pine, report on Freezeout Lake trip, Family Forestry Expo, profiles and nominees, announcement of elections. Linda Winnie is doing an article on the bylaw changes, monitoring of Owen Sowerwine, article on highly defined bird pictures needed by John Kyle for the FAS website, Native Plants Society field trips, MT Audubon Bird Festival, recycling, Conservation Awards, local Farmers' Markets, bears, Owen Sowerwine work day first part of October.

OSNA. Brent handed out and discussed an OSNA monitoring form that could be used if someone visited OSNA. Linda Winnie is working on a map that can be copied on the back of this form. Linda Winnie will be emailing out the signup sheet for monitoring trips.

Sam Bibler Trail. Bob Lopp discussed the proposed Sam Bibler Trail. Mike Fanning moved that we contribute \$250 toward construction of the trail, if it is constructed. Montana Audubon has agreed to contribute \$250.

Conservation Achievement Recognition Award. We will continue to give the certificate and maybe some of Neal's chocolates.

Education. There is not a laptop available for the Education Coordination position at Montessori. There is also a need for a projector to use for programs. Montana Audubon is going to work on adding FAS to Montana Audubon's insurance.

Sonja Hartmann discussed the Tazmanian Devil research project that she participated in Tazmania, an island off of Australia.

Bob Lopp gave a quick run down on the Montana Audubon quarterly meeting that he attended last weekend.

We would like to invite the past presidents of FAS and honor them at the May potluck meeting. The board agreed to hold the May Potluck at the Summit in Conference Rooms 2 and 3. There are no kitchen facilities. **(Change of plan-Summit did not work out).**

Sales. Sales of Mexican pots and bird cards are hot. Anyone who has bird (not Audubon) magazines, Jill can use them for the newcomer packets. Jill could use help for the first 10 minutes to help set up.

Website Committee. Paula discussed the website committee meeting, that was 2 weeks ago. There were several items that need to be changed. John Kyle has agreed to make the changes but he is quite busy so will take care of them as he has time. Bob Lopp said that Montana Audubon's website is quite dismal, especially in contrast to Flathead Audubon's. Bob also received a compliment of the quality of the FAS newsletter.

Heron Rookery in Kila. Marcy discussed the status of the development near the Kila Heron Rookery and the possibility of a conservation beer in conjunction with the local brewery.

Conservation. Lewis discussed the proposed fish project on Tally Lake and he will email out a draft.

Leslie made the motion that we table the discussion until the May meeting on a donation requested by the Peregrine Falcon Eyrie Cam Project. Unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*/s/ Gail Sullivan*  
Gail Sullivan  
Secretary