

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting  
February 4, 2008  
Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room  
295 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E.N.  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Present: Chair, Mike Fanning, Bob Lee, Bob Lopp, Brent Mitchell, Bruce Tannehill, Mary Nelesen, Jill Fanning, Lewis Young, Dan Casey, Linda Winnie, Marcy Mahr, and Gail Sullivan

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The January minutes were approved, with an addition by Linda Winnie, and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report. Mike, Bruce and other FAS members met with Lex Blood and Lex has agreed that he would help to pay towards Nancy's salary for 20 hours a week and to continue to pay for Nancy working 20 hours for FAS next year (starting July 1 2008, also). Jack White's estate has named FAS as a beneficiary of his will for the amount of approximately \$45,000.

Fundraising

Mike Fanning suggested that FAS form a fundraising committee that does not consist just of FAS board members to raise money for FAS educational programs. Lex Blood had expressed an interest in serving on this proposed committee.

Mary Nelesen proposed a fundraiser/promotion on Earth Day for FAS by selling cloth bags with the FAS logo of a Pileated Woodpecker on a branch. She received estimates from Rocky Mountain Embroidery in Whitefish. Jeff Elliott said he thought he could find a sponsor that would pay for half of cost of the bag with their name underneath the FAS logo. Mary will get more information on possible bags and get back to us with a proposal.

Bob Lopp agreed to chair a fundraising committee, for a time, until a specific project is identified. Mary has agreed to be on the committee. Mike would like to see this committee concentrate on a long-term fundraiser concept for sustainable funding and possible philanthropists/donors.

Insurance

Bruce is going to contact Montana Audubon and see if FAS can be covered by Montana Audubon's insurance.

Conservation

Steve Gian (sp) has agreed to help out with our conservation committee but is not interested on being on the board. Lewis and Paula have updated the Conservation section on the FAS website.

### Field Trips

Dan Casey has reserved June 6 and 7 at the Tally Lake Campground group site for a "Warbler" weekend. Need a minimum of 5 camping units or tents. It's the same weekend as the state birding festival. There would be a cost for individual camping units.

Leslie is working on summer field trips.

Glacier Institute is sponsoring evening talks. Dan is going to give a talk on the raptor monitoring at Jewel Basin. ABC has a young birders program and Dan is going to nominate Josh for this program.

### Education

Nancy is applying for education grants and putting together a riparian trunk.

### Conservation Achievement Award Nominations

It is decided to give the award to the Johnston and Siderius Families for their conservation easements at the May potluck. Marcy will write up the recognition.

### Newsletter

Marcy-bird of the month-Snowy Owl. Dr. Gene Grove is March program. Science Tidbits. Beauty of Birds. Volunteers for Owen Sowerwine. Nancy-education. Thank you from Jane Lopp and Associates. Announcement on Montana's new book-Birds of Montana which is planned to be published in 2011. Watch list birds. Warbler weekend/field trips. Dan's Jewell Basin Hawk Watch talk. Linda and Kay are working on shifting courtesy copies (about 30) from paper copies to electronic copies. Most have been shifted over. Linda and Kay would like to get email addresses of FAS members and send them an example of an electronic newsletter and see if they will shift over from paper. In the course of corresponding with other state Audubon groups, Linda suggests that we post the current newsletter on the first of the month on the website. Mike feels that we should continue to delay posting the newsletter to the next month so only dues paying members receive the current newsletter.

### Nominations

Melissa Sladek has agreed to be on the board. Jeannie Marcure has agreed to help Paula

on the Publicity Committee.

Mike says that he has found out that there is \$280 in Pay Pal for memberships on the FAS website. Mike will get the information to Bruce.

Owen Sowerine

Ask Brent what he would like put in the notes on this subject. Old Stillwater bridge closure/Stillwater preserve. Brent will email a proposed response that he would like sent to Vic Workman. The email will be sent to FAS board members for

Montana Audubon Meeting

Brent may attend the next Montana Audubon meeting at the beginning in April in Helena because Bob Lopp is unable to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan

Gail Sullivan  
Secretary