

Flathead Audubon Monthly Meeting  
May 5, 2008  
Location: Jane Lopp & Associates Conference Room  
295 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue E.N.  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Present: Chair, Mike Fanning; Bob Lee, Bruce Tannehill, Leslie Kehoe, Bob Lopp, Lewis Young, Jill Fanning, Mary Nelesen, Paula Peterson, Lois Drobish, Linda Winnie, Marcy Mahr, Ansley Ford and Gail Sullivan

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

The April minutes were approved and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report. The Financial Committee did meet. Bruce discussed the "proposed budget" column. Bruce corrected the dues from National and discussed other items in that column. There was additional discussion on other items of the Treasurer's report. Bruce moved that the report be approved, Lewis seconded, unanimously passed.

May Potluck What needs to be done: (1) presentation of educator award.(Ansley) (2) Conservation award presentations. (3). Elections (4) presentation on shade grown coffee. (5) Bob Lopp will rehab the duct tape duck (it will be a surprise for Josh this year-Dan present?). (6) Remind people to update their silent auction items bids. (7) Some people need to get there early to set up. (8) FAS bags will be sold. (9) Steve Hoffman as speaker. (10) Leslie and others will bring extra plates and utensils.

### COMMITTEES

Conservation. We received a thank you letter from Citizens for a Better Flathead for our donation to help with research on the North Shore project and its denial by the county commissioners.

The Forest Service is coming out with an EIS on the salvage sale for the Brush Creek fire area.

Field Trips. Leslie suggested that in the fall a small committee get together and go over the membership list and discuss any possible new field trip leaders. This committee could also discuss/brain storm any fresh ideas for field trips. It was suggested that we ask for volunteers during the September general meeting.

Education. An education committee meeting was held last week. There was a new member that showed up – Ben Young. There is also a new volunteer –Kay Martinez who helps in the schools. Some of Nancy's accomplishments: (1.) Radio interview (2). "Project Wet" and "Project Webfoot" and Nancy is certified facilitator for this now. (3) the trunk checkouts are busier than ever. (4) Earth Day at Depot Park was good and

Mary helped with this. (5) Nancy procured a grant-bought children's binoculars and 2 other grants awarded. (6) Lex has asked Nancy to help with trunk on climate change. (7) 27 people were signed up for Beauty of Birds this year. (7) Kaye Martinez is making a smaller size bird costume. (8) There will be another trunk workshop for teachers. (9) Raptor Days in September. (9) more library programs coming up.

Nothing else has happened with the proposed film festival but there was discussion about having a raptor film right after Raptor Days. Mike and Jill will go over the Wildlife Film Festival film list and try to select a film to show.

### Fundraising

FAS bag sales. FAS received a \$500 donation from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Market for our Earth Day promotion and they sold some bags. We also received a \$500 donation from Mountain Valley Foods and they also sold our bags. Kalispell Toyota donated \$200. Western Building Center and Whitney's have bags to sell at their stores. We have 40 bags left over. There is a day at Kalispell Farmer's Market where non-profits can sell items and Mary will look into that. They will also be sold at the May potluck and Raptor Days. (Mary-how do you do it? Incredible.)

Mary and Bob Lopp will brain storm a donation letter this summer and then present to the board.

There are still 2 empty spots for monitoring in Owen Sowerine this summer. Fannings and Bob Lee and Leslie volunteered to fill those spots. Bring it up at potluck meeting that whenever anyone goes, we would like them to complete the survey form.

Hotspots. We are now in the process of revising this brochure. Partners include: Montana Audubon, Flathead National Forest, Fish Wildlife and Parks, Glacier National park (possibly), Kalispell Chamber of Commerce (possibly), Whitefish and Bigfork Chambers will also be asked. Looking at printing 3,500-possibly more. (2,000 copies for FAS) Thomas Printing-.50 a copy. \$50/hour for updating changes. Thomas Printing will donate the coating. Dan is updating species list. Bruce suggests we use the Barb Baxter funds for pay for brochure printing. Linda Winnie will get an order in by the end of the week and then printing will take 2 weeks.

Newsletter. September newsletter projected contents: program, President's column, Bird of the month, field trips, Hawk Watch (Leslie), invitation to join field trip committee, Suzanna Casey will write profiles of Ruth and Jack White and Barb Baxter, sunflower seed sales, membership renewal, article from Brent on Prudential project, Raptor Day, and other education activities, science tidbit, printing of revised Hotspots, "Green" suggestions. Since the September board meeting falls on Labor Day, the September board meeting will be on Tuesday at the Fanning's residence.

Nancy would like to know if FAS would donate three FAS bags to her for her use with educational activities. That request was approved by Mike.

## Education

Nancy's contract expires in June. Ansley will ask Nancy for a draft contract. FAS would like some of the grants that Nancy applies for be used to fund Nancy's contract and not just project money.

Fundraiser. Jill is looking into the possibility of printing a raptor or Hawk Watch tshirts for this fall as a fundraiser to be sold at Raptor Days and FAS meetings. It was decided just to say "Flathead Audubon". Bob Lopp will ask Steven Hoffman about possible photos to use.

FAS tri-fold brochure. Sonja has revised it. Color copy was preferred over black and white. Ansley moved we have 100 copies printed, Bruce seconded, unanimously passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gail Sullivan

Gail Sullivan  
Secretary