

## **Flathead Audubon Minutes – October 6, 2008**

### Opening comments

- Approved September minutes
- Thank you from June Ash

### Treasurer's Report

- Sales are higher than in previous years.
- The printing cost for the Pileated Post is higher due to larger member base.
- Money from operating fund will most likely need to be transferred to the education fund.

### Education

- This year's funding for the Conservation Education position totals \$6,500...about \$5,000 of this already covered through grants.
- Raptor Day had 180 participants; overall a successful event.
- Some ideas for next year's Raptor Day include pushing the Rod Ash speech to later in the day, deleting the 8 a.m. bird walk, begin the educational booths later in the day, have the family bird walk followed by a program for families directly after.

### OSNA Workday

- A total of 42 people volunteered. Twelve survey plots were completed.
- The volunteers cleaned up the trail, installed 17 signs, fencing removed, trash picked up.
- Brent mentioned that the property north of the entrance is up for sale.
- If board members see any vandalism, contact Ben Chappelow, from FWP, about the incident.
- Brent would like ideas on the layout of the surveys...wants to make sure they are easy to use and take a short amount of time.
- Filled the three remaining volunteer monitoring slots with present board members.

### Birdseed Sales

- WBC – did not have birdseed in stores yet but aware of program. Mary will be speaking with the general manager about it.

### Newsletter

- New board members signed up to write the "new board member" article.
- It was decided that Josh's pictures would be sold during the Christmas raffle. Melissa and Bill will sell raffle tickets at both the November and December general meetings.

### Fundraising

- Need to find a sustaining source of funding for the education budget. This money can then be matched by the Sustainability Fund.
- This discussion will be continued at the November board meeting.

### Hospitality

- Mike is calling the Summit to confirm that we will have a microphone with a battery at the next general meeting.
- Lisa will receive \$80.00 to reimburse her for coffee she supplied at the 2007 & 2008 general meetings.
- Lois will call folks to remind them that they signed up to bring refreshments.

### Conservation

- The Forest Service acknowledged FAS's comments on the Sheppard Creek EIS.
- FAS supports the FWP proposal to purchase land for fisheries habitat.
- Lewis will call Jeff Harris to get on the legal notice list for permits to fill in the Flathead River.
- Mike will call Mayre Flowers to see if she has an action notice list for issues like this.

### Conservation Recognition Awards

- Linda will email ideas for the candidates and a discussion will follow the next board meeting.

### Field Trips

- Need 2-3 people to discuss the overall field trip program. We no longer have a person dedicated to this program and need to decide on its future.
- Mike will put this issue out in an email and at the general meeting.

### Program

- Programs are full for the rest of the 2008-2009 general meetings.
- Plum Creek will be at general meeting this April.

Minutes taken by Melissa Sladek