

**FAS Board Meeting – Agenda
4 October 2010
Jane Lopp & Associates**

1700 Potluck

1800 Call to Order

1805 Minutes:

- Linda de Kort inquired about election of chairpersons
- Dennis motions to add Linda de Kort, Kathy Ross, Linda Winnie, and Kay Mitchell to chair positions
 - o Seconded by Linda Winnie
 - o Unanimously approved by board
- Correction to September Minutes: **Bruce AND Brent** toured OSNA with Mr. David Owen Sowerwine.
- September minutes approved unanimously by board

1815 Treasurer Report—Bruce Tannehill

- \$3000 Art Ortenberg donation for Raptor Day
- Grants: \$250 for east Kalispell walkway; \$50 for Streamside booklet
- Bruce expressed that Nancy's been paid out of FAS for the past three months (as of yet without backing from Sustainability Fund).
- Bruce considering consolidation of some of the checking accounts
- Richard K. brought up the fact that allocations to speakers at monthly meetings (currently \$25 per speaker) ought to be revisited, as recent speakers have had to travel distances requiring well over \$25 in their own gas money. Richard compensated last speaker \$70 for gas
- Verbal agreement made to use FAS Transportation fund to compensate speakers for gas
- All speakers will be given \$25 honorarium; complementary FAS membership considered to be an option as a substitute for the \$25 honorarium

1830 Education

Rod Ash Raptor Day:

- Nancy has been talking with Lone Pine regarding next year's program. It is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2011. The downside of this, according to Bob, is that this may be before the general meeting.
- Bob to follow up with Nancy and approve that date—Sept. 10, 2011.

-Update on strategic plan:

- Bob passed out draft Annual Work Plan for FAS Education Strategic Plan, to be discussed later in this meeting.

- Nancy to forward two recent reports of her progress with the education program to FAS Board members.
- Linda de Kort to evaluate the website and the visibility of the Strategic Plan on the website.
- Bob to inquire about next Education Committee meeting with Ansley.
- FAS possesses salvage permit. All specimens to go to Bob.

1850 Owen Sowerwine—Kay Mitchell

Work day: 33 people signed in and out

- Many bags of weeds pulled (hound's tongue, thistle, burdock)
- Evidence of thistle gall on thistles
- No injuries
- Access to Greenridge was made safer
- Trails mowed by Steve
- Fence not completed yet, but plans are in place to finish it. Brent to contact folks for assistance.
- Bruce inquired about snow berry planting
 - o Ben has students that may be able to work on some test plots for snow berry planting in early March
- Prudential grant submitted
- Three monitors still needed for October/November monitoring efforts
- Bob still inquiring about liability insurance coverage at OSNA
- OSNA dog policy needing clarification
- Bob talked with Search and Rescue regarding dog training practice at OSNA. Bob requested detailed proposal before agreement by FAS. Proposal has not been given to FAS.

Deleted: renewed

1910 General Meetings

-Hospitality—Lois:

- o Board members not required to bring treats for Christmas. October treats are covered.

-Programs—Richard K.: programs covered thru December. January program may feature spelunking crew from Bigfork. Richard trying to get a program going regarding the wildlife overpasses/underpasses. Bob Martinka may present on dragonflies. Lewis willing to present on bats.

-Sales—Bob: Jill not going to champion sales as in the past. Calendars still available. Bob to sell a pair of pants he won. Linda de Kort to contact Mary regarding FAS tote bags as future sales opportunity.

1920 Conservation—Lewis:

- Global Work Day information sent out by Linda de Kort.
- Steve Gniadek: GNP scoping for parking at Lake McDonald Lodge. Steve to submit comments.
- Comments submitted this past summer regarding Russian Olive sales in MT. As of Sept. 10, Russian Olive may NOT be sold in MT.
- Steve attended Conservation Round Table.

Continuation of notes from FAS Board meeting, October 4, 2010

Website—Gail Sullivan will be setting up newspaper publicity for next program as Paula may be gone. Hillary Smith now spending part time in California so that may impact our website. FAS may need to come up with an alternative to her services. Perhaps Hillary could suggest someone. Hillary gave us new graphics on home page. Visits to our website appear to have increased over last year. Discussion of adding rotating photos of birds but no decision made. Many links have been updated. Duties and time involvement of Website Chairperson discussed. Jan Wassink agreed to become co-chair with Paula and transition into the position over a period of time.

Fundraising—Mike Fanning submitted 2 proposals for grants but did not receive them. One was through North Face and they requested that he talk to them. Applied Materials (formerly Semitool) have grants and likelihood of receiving one apparently is greatly increased if a member of organization applying for grant works at Applied Materials. FAS does. Bruce will check into details of their grants. Birdathon is being promoted by MT Audubon as fundraisers. FAS tried one several years back and did not work well. Discussed possibilities of having ads in newsletter, on the website, and in any brochures. Many other chapters seem to do it. Linda DeKort will develop a draft document with issues and potential policy.

Newsletter—Melissa Sladek is doing western tanager as the Bird-of-the-Month. Board member articles are needed for 4 upcoming months. Three of those months were scheduled. Board members are encouraged to write articles at any time and they may be on most any subject. A variety of reports will be in the newsletter such as one on the recent Owen Sowerwine work day. It was decided to put the budget report in the May issue. Directory will be updated with the 4 new appointed board members.

MT Audubon Board Meeting—new education center in Billings is very nice place and worth visiting. MT Audubon has hired a new Development Director whose primary function is to get grants for the education center. Next September the MT Board will meet in Kalispell and probably look at Owen Sowerwine. Harold Strause has resigned as he spends most of his time in Arizona now. Harold has functioned as legal counsel for many years and will stay involved but at a lesser level now. 2011 Bird Festival will be in Glasgow. 2012 Bird Festival will be hosted by FAS. A committee is needed for organizing the event. Steve Gniadek, Linda DeKort, and Dennis Hester all agreed to be on the committee but all specified they did not want to be chairman. Bob Lopp and Mary Neleson will be asked to be on the committee.

Birds of Montana—all species have been sponsored now.

Conservation Recognition—before next Board meeting Linda Winnie will send out info to consider.

FAS Education Strategic Plan—reviewed the draft Annual Work Plan based on the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan adopted last spring. The Annual Work Plan is helpful in grant applications. Motion made and approved to accept as final.

ADJOURNED: 9:03 P.M.