

## FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2012

LOCATION: JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 THIRD AVE. E.N.,  
KALISPELL, MONTANA

CALL TO ORDER: PAULA SMITH @ 6:00 PM

PRESENT - Paula Smith (Chair), Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Bob Lopp, Gael Bissell, Kathy Ross, Steve Gniadek, Dan Casey, Lewis Young, Richard Kuhl, Lois Drobish, Jill Fanning, Mike Fanning, Dennis Olson and Marylane Pannell.

JOHN HUGHES requested a 6-month leave of absence. Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Bob Lee). MOTION PASSED

MINUTES - MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded (Mike Fanning/Kathy Ross) to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting. MOTION PASSED

TREASURER'S REPORT – BRUCE TANNEHILL (Absent)

Postponed until January meeting when Bruce will be here. Included is \$1000 from Prudential. Mike Fanning reported on our fundraising efforts.

Donations: \$1500

Appeal results to date: \$1350

Whitefish Credit Union: \$500

Cinnabar Foundation: \$2000

Quinn: \$1000

TOTAL \$6,350

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

Reported chapter membership at 143 (around 200 in 2011) and national membership at 288 (338 in 2011).

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – LEWIS YOUNG/STEVE GNIADEK

MPG Ranch in the Bitterroot is working to restore Sharp-shinned Hawks to Western Montana. Lewis is involved in this project.

Steve will comment on streambed maintenance in Glacier National Park.

Discussion followed regarding whether to have a geo-tourism program presented by Rhonda Fitzgerald at a further chapter meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – DENNIS OLSON

Continued work on "Kids in the Woods" and local application accepted by the Road Scholar Association for programming in 2013. At the January board meeting two Glacier High School teachers will report on their garden.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN – STEVE GNIADNEK

Some feel the plan is worthless. Others believe we need policies along with our by-laws in order to measure our progress. Dennis, Steve and Bob Lopp will work on our policy statement.

#### FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE – GAEL BISSELL / KATHY ROSS

Gael and Kathy will write an article for the newsletter on future birding field trips including: Viking Creek, Tally Lake Campout, Marty Cohen Walk, GNP snowshoe, Bigfork Swan River trips, and Freezeout Lake. Their goal is at least one field trip per month.

#### GENERAL MEETING COMMITTEES

##### PROGRAM – RICHARD KUHL

Dan Casey will talk at the December meeting about the Christmas Bird Counts, Rick Mace will present on grizzly bears in January. In February Lewis Young will give a program on bats.

##### HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Gael Bissell will bring treats in December. It is no longer necessary to have written verification of people attending our local meetings only a count is needed.

##### SALES – JILL FANNING

December is our best sales month. Bird feeders and platters of cookies donated by members will sell well at this meeting.

#### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – KAY MITCHELL

Memorial donations will be listed according to the wishes of those donating. January newsletter contents includes: Rick Mace Program, Bird of the Month (Gamblers Quail by Dennis Hester), Field Trips, Backyard Bird Count, Education, Christmas Bird Counts, Hawk Watch numbers and Montana Outdoor Birds (MOB) site plus software for birding, Board highlights, State Bird Festival, and Legislative action.

#### ROY DIMOND STAMP COLLECTION - BOB LOPP

It was decided to estimate the value of the collection to facilitate the sale.

#### CONSERVATION ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION – LINDA WINNIE (Absent)

Jean Robocker and Lynn Kelly were nominated to receive the awards. Leslie Kehoe will present Jean's award in February and Linda Winnie will give Lynn's award in April.

#### WILEY COMMITTEE – BOB LEE

Moved and seconded (Gael/Kay) to approve Flathead Audubon's continued work with Dean Robbins to develop a number of projects to improve the educational opportunities at the Wiley Robbins Homestead Center. MOTION PASSED. First projects will be field trips to the area, inventory of birds, plants, etc. and build an

observation building. Dan Casey is working on the design and cost of the building.

#### CINNABAR GRANT

Flathead Audubon needs to add conservation stories to their website in order to get grants. One possibility is a story about the school gardens.

Adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylane Pannell, Secretary