

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER – KAY MITCHELL @ 6:05

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Mike and Jill Fanning, Jim Rychwalski, Marylane Pannell, Bruce Tannehill, Bob Lopp, Joe Batts, Doug MacCarter, Patti Mason, Linda Winnie and Kathy Ross.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT/REMARKS – KAY MITCHELL

The meeting began with the introduction of Joe Batts and Doug MacCarter, the new board members present at our meeting. We introduced ourselves around the table as we updated our Board Directory. It was moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Jim) to accept these one – year appointments: Jill, Mike, Kathy and Bob Lee. PASSED. Lois did not want a one-year appointment.

Kay reviewed FAS summer activities including Warbler weekend and the Birdathon that grossed about \$3300.

In July the Flathead National Forest offered FAS \$4000 to fund the Hawk Watch with no contribution from FAS except for in-kind donations by our members. Joe, Kay and Gael met and came to an agreement with the FNF. FAS will take the project on for a one-year trial basis. The agreement will be discussed and reviewed in November 2015. The project is controlled by a website with Dan Casey as Webmaster. Joe will tally the results and Gael will write the final report.

Bob Lee has FAS programming scheduled for the entire year except May. Arrangements for setup and take down of the United Way Conference Room at Gateway Community Center were discussed.

Jan Wassink and the Wiley Slough Committee hopes to build pilings for the bird watching platform before the winter months.

Kay requested some changes including two chairs for each committee and storage for all FAS papers, equipment, etc. within the Kalispell area. Kay has begun a wish list for FAS that she will put out at a later date. Let her know if you have materials or jobs to add. And finally she would like the finance committee to meet as soon as possible.

MINUTES – MARYLANE PANNELL

Moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the May 4 and 11, 2015 minutes with one spelling correction.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE BATTIS

Financial information was distributed to all board members and Joe requested the FAS membership application be updated to include basic and supporting membership boxes.

RAPTOR DAY – PATTI MASON

Raptor Day is Saturday, September 12 at Lone Pine State Park. Kathy Ross will help with the FAS booth and Brent Mitchell will help with parking. During the summer months Patti did two Wild Wings field trips, Roads Scholar trips, Farmers Markets, teachers' workshops and numerous other activities. This fall she will be involved with school wildflower gardens, FVCC bird class, Crown of the Continent class on Oct 2,9,and 15 and she will give a presentation on birds to the Sons of Norway.

OSNA- LINDA WINNIE

Rich Mace and Bob Lee will co-chair this committee. OSNA workday is scheduled for Monday, October 5, just before our board meeting. Meet at Bob Lopp office to car pool to the site. The committee continues to push for purchase of OSNA by FWP from the DNRC. Chemical spraying occurred three times this summer.

FUNDRAISING – BRUCE TANNEHILL

Our three fundraisers are: the Birdathon, calendars and the December appeal. If we don't do a calendar next year we will need an additional fundraiser. Jill and Mike Fanning will label, fold and mail the newsletters on Monday, September 28 at 1 pm.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE FANNING

Pay your dues. We have 188 FAS members, 290 national members and 57 local and national members.

CONSERVATION – LEWIS YOUNG

Lewis sent a letter in support of the North Shore Farm Lease Extension program to FWP and a letter to Governor Bullock regarding Montana Clean Air Plan.

NEWSLETTER – LEWIS YOUNG

Lewis had three discussion items: new board members and officers write 2-3 paragraphs introducing themselves to the membership; email all newsletters to members with e-mail address and use email addresses to notify members of cancellations, corrections and additions to FAS news. Discussion followed regarding his suggestions. Mike will check on bulk mailing rates, incorrect email addresses. Jill felt that members should get a hard copy only if they request one. The board will continue discussion regarding this request and make a decision in December.

The October newsletter will include these articles: Bird of the Month, Conservation Awards to Watson and Bibler, Board member article, Field Trips, Raptor day, Education Corner, Calendars, West Valley Naturalists, Board activities Hawk Watch, Membership renewals, list of donor May 18- September 18, bear activities in the fall, lead bullets for hunting, directory changes, and OSNA work day.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS DROBISH

Board members will bring the treats for the September meeting. The monthly list of volunteers for treats were passed around.

WEBSITE – KAY MITCHELL FOR PAULA SMITH

The website lost the Bird of the Month page. It was moved and seconded (Mike/Kathy) to allocate \$100 to Chaney to fix the website. PASSED.

MONTANA AUDUBON - KAY MITCHELL FOR BOB LEE

Lana and Joe Batts will represent FAS at the MAS board meeting in Great Falls on September 26, 2015. It was moved and seconded (Jill/Bob Lopp) to support the proposed Montana Audubon By-Law changes.

FIELD TRIPS – KATHY ROSS

Five trips are scheduled for the fall including: West Valley Sandhill Crane Bike/Birdwatching, Wild Wings Recovery Center field trip, Fall Hawk Watch at Bad Rock Canyon, Birding in the Mission Valley and Late Fall birding in the Flathead Valley. Kathy is arranging a field trip to the American Prairie Reserve in May. May 21 date was suggested.

OTHER BUSINESS

Thanks to Lana and Joe Batts for the meet and greet at Flathead Lake this summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary