

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2015
JANE LOPP AND ASSOCIATES, 295 Third Avenue E. N., Kalispell

CALL TO ORDER - KAY @6:00

PRESENT: Kay Mitchell, Lewis Young, Lois Drobish, Jim Rychwalski, Marylane Pannell, Gael Bissell, Paula Smith, Bob Lee, Jake Bramante, Jan Metzmaker, Kathy Ross, Joe Batts, Paula Smith, Mike and Jill Fanning, Denny Olson and Bob Lopp.

MINUTES – MARYLANE

Moved and seconded (Jan/Denny) to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2015 minutes with corrections: NAS changed to MAS and remove the sentence regarding Doug Mead. PASSED.

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS - KAY MITCHELL

Welcome back to Denny who had knee surgery.

We received \$1000 from the Whitefish Foundation and a \$1000 grant from the Quinn's.

TREASURER'S REPORT – JOE

Joe asked why we invest in Edward Jones, Vanguard and Domini Soc. Inv. accounts. FAS operates on the interest from these three funds and Glacier Bank and the Whitefish Credit Union are our cash funds.

Joe reported neither he nor Kay Mitchell have signatory authority to the Edward Jones, Vanguard and Domini Soc. Inv. accounts. Moved and seconded (Denny/Jill) to give the President, Kay Mitchell and Treasurer, Joe Batts signatory authority to the Edward Jones, Vanguard, Domini Soc. Inv. Funds and Glacier Bank. PASSED. Moved and seconded (Denny/Jill) to replace the names of Bob Lopp and Bruce Tannehill with President Kay Mitchell and Treasurer Joe Batts as signatory authorities on the Edward Jones, Vanguard and Domini Soc. Inv. funds. PASSED. Moved and seconded (Denny/Jill) to remove Bob Lopp and Bruce Tannehill from five FAS funds including Glacier Bank, Whitefish Credit Union, Edward Jones, Vanguard and Domini Soc. Inv. accounts. PASSED.

BLACKWELL PHOTO BOOKS – BOB LOPP

FAS received a donation of John L Blackwell photos. Lois Drobish and Linda Winnie organized the photos. Discussion followed on what to do with them.

EDUCATION – DENNY AND MIKE

*Patti Mason has resigned as Conservation Educator as of December 31, 2015. Moved and seconded (Denny/Joe) to contract with Lisa Flowers as Conservation Educator. PASSED. Denny will draft a 6 month contract for Lisa eliminating the website work that Patti was contracted to do. Moved/seconded (Denny/Jan) to draft a contract to Lisa Flowers for \$13,000 compensation for work between January 1 and June 30, 2016 to the LLC whom she represents pending approval of both parties. PASSED. Moved and seconded (Bob Lopp/Bob Lee) to pay Lisa Flowers

\$25/hour for a maximum of \$1,000 to assist in the transition from Patti Mason to Lisa Flowers. PASSED. The education committee will meet once a month with Lisa and she will attend all board meetings.

*Moved and seconded (Denny/Bob Lee) to add Objective 3.6 Hawk Watch in FAS Strategic Plan. PASSED

*Moved and seconded (Mike/Bob Lopp) to accept the DEQ grant for the wetland project. PASSED. The grant will involve students mentoring students and rebuilding the wetland trunk.

Moved and seconded (Gael/Lewis) to enter in contract with DEQ in wetland education project for approximately \$6500. PASSED.

CALENDAR REPORT – DENNY AND JAKE

The committee met to discuss the 2017 calendar. Discussed whether to do a 2017 calendar. The calendar sales team will contact businesses to see if they will purchase calendar again in 2017. Several theme ideas were discussed. The calendar must be ready by April if we want to sell in GNP.

SOFTWARE ORDER – MIKE

Mike can purchase “Office 2016” for \$40 each. Several members wished to buy them.

FIELD TRIPS – KATHY AND GAEL

Field trips this winter include: Great Backyard Bird Watch in February, Winter Tracking with MWA on January 30, ranger led snowshoeing trips in Glacier on Saturday and Sunday January through March and Bob and Leslie will lead a field trip on February 21.

CONSERVATION – LEWIS

Gael wrote letters in support of plans for the north shore of Flathead Lake Wildlife Management Area and to complete the Conservation Easement for Haskill Basin in the Whitefish Range. Lewis reviewed and recommended to Kay that FAS sign on to a letter encouraging political leaders to resist an effort to prevent BLM and the Forest Service from implementing sage grouse conservation plans through the use of a rider in the spending bill being developed. On behalf of FAS, Kay signed on to the letter from FAS.

NEWSLETTER – LEWIS

Articles in the January POST will include: January program with Lisa Bates and research in GNP, Bird of the month – Peregrine falcon, Conservation Achievement Recognition Award to the Jewelers of the Hawk Watch, Education report from Patti, Bird apps by Joe Batts, Christmas Bird Count, Chirps and Squawks, FAS Board challenge to membership, the three levels of membership in Audubon, Linda Winnie will explain sign in boxes at OSNA, thanks to Dick Walker for photos for our website, call for photographers from Jake, plea to receive your POST via email, Backyard Bird Count and directory changes.

OSNA – BOB LEE

Sign in boxes are in place at two entrances to OSNA. The committee cleaned up fallen trees over Mr Heaps fence and Bob may call for another workday on this project. A weed log will be submitted to the DNRC. Jeanette Olivier will represent the neighbor on the OSNA committee and Shawn Richmond will manage the bird list for OSNA.

OSPREY PROJECT/BROCHURES – KATHY FOR DOUG

Kathy spoke of all the work Doug MacCarter has done to remove twine from osprey nests in the Flathead. Doug requested help from FAS to finance printing of an Osprey brochure. Moved and seconded (Bob/Jim) to print 1,000 copies of the brochure and to apply for a NAS chapter mini grant to pay for the printing. PASSED Kathy will write up a description and distribution plan and submit it to Mike for the mini grant application. At the December meeting Doug MacCarter's work will be acknowledged.

HOSPITALITY – LOIS

Gael will give Lois a ride home from the monthly FAS meetings. Lois requested we move tables in the meeting room to the edges, do not take the tables down. Also please help with set-up and takedown of our meeting room.

WEBSITE – JAKE AND PAULA

We had a lengthy discussion of several options for the website regarding e-commerce, CDs and calendars. In the end it was referred to the committee to make a recommendation to the board.

JANUARY PROGRAM – BOB LEE

Pete Fisher and Craig Hohenberger will talk and sign up participants for the Kalispell and Bigfork Christmas Bird Counts. Lisa Bate will present a program on research in GNP in January.

MEMBERSHIP – MIKE

Currently we have 161 local members and 244 members belong to the NAS. 50 people belong to both FAS and NAS. 49 members have not renewed.

Jake and Bob Lee volunteered to attend the Flathead Conservation Round table.

Kay mentioned the permit to construct the bird blind was in the Interlake this week.

Meeting adjourned to 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary

