

FLATHEAD AUDUBON BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2017

Jane Lopp & Associates

Present: Jake Bramante, Kay Mitchell, Mike and Jill Fanning, Gael Bissell, Jan Metzmaker, Lewis Young, Bob Lopp, Bob Lee, Lois Drobish, Marylane Pannell, Cory Davis, Joe Batts, Kathy Ross, Denny Olson and Barb Summer. Guests: Bob Storer, Flathead River Commission and Paul Rossi, Marilyn Wood, Rod Walette, potential board members.

Guest speaker, Bob Storer, Flathead River Commission, made a request to the Board to help pay for Flathead Flood Inundation Mapping Program.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Board meeting were approved with two name corrections (Bob Lee/Mike). PASSED

Treasure -Joe reported we met our goal of \$10,000 for the West Valley Wetlands Project. Because of our efforts to support the West Valley Wetlands we have not received donations to FAS therefore we must make a big push to sell our 2018 calendars. It was moved and seconded to receive and file the treasurer's report (Marylane/Kathy). PASSED

Education-Denny outlined his work since January, 2017 and brought us up to speed on his many other possible education projects for this year.

Calendar update-Jake reported that Paula Smith is editing the calendar and showed us the cover. The committee including: Lana Batts, Dennis Olson, Jake Bramante, Jan Metzmaker and Gael Bissell gave us details about the timeline for printing and costs. The calendar will be ready to go by April 15.

Birdathon and Field Trips-Kathy and Cory set the date for the Birdathon on Saturday, June 3. Field trips will be scheduled around this date. The field trip numbers are up this year. Jake would like pictures for the website.

Constitution/Bylaw Proposed Changes and Revision-Joe detailed most of the changes. Barb questioned Article I, Section 2 of the Constitutional changes. The sheet may have incorrectly identified the Article number and the proposal needs more explanation. It was moved and seconded (Mike/Jan) to approve all of the changes except for the Article regarding payment for contract services. PASSED. Joe will send an email amending the Article in question by March 18 and the Board will vote to approve by email.

Grants-Mike and Gael gave information on the grants applied for and received including the Whitefish Community Foundation, Cinnabar and others.

Hawk Watch – Gael, Barb and Kay gave us some statics on the Hawk Watch and told us the final report will be completed by March.

Newsletter-Lewis listed several articles for the April newsletter including information about the May meeting in Whitefish. Mike will book the Whitefish Community Center for the meeting. Kay will write an article celebrating reaching the goal of \$10,000 for the West Valley land.

Conservation-Lewis will write letter to reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund and encouraging refunding of Habitat Montana.

- Jake voiced his concerns about the landfill closure. It was decided to wait until BJ Worth is available to work out the details.
- Bob Lee will investigate birds flying into the new glass structure they are building at KRMC.
- Lewis will write a letter encouraging strict regulations to detect and prevent the spread of invasive mussel and other unwanted aquatic species to our state water. Jan's letter regarding the problem will be shared with board members.

Hospitality-Lois and Cory will co-chair hospitality.

Programs-Bob Lee has arranged for Denny to present the March program and Adam Lieberg will give the program in April.

Montana Audubon-Bob Lee reported the next state board meeting in September would be in the Flathead. A firm has been hired to do a national search for a new executive director for Montana Audubon. The Flathead Audubon will host the Montana State Bird Festival in 2018. Bob requested help at the Forest Expo May 1-6. An Owen Sowerwine workday will be held Sept 30 or October 7.

Flathead River Commission It was moved and seconded (Marylane/Mike) not to donate any money to the Flathead River Commission to help pay for Flathead Flood Inundation Mapping Program. PASSED

President's Business-Kay informs us that the last 5 years of our FAS newsletters are on the website. It was decided to have another Hawk Watch in 2017. Jan will encourage more use of Facebook by FAS.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary