

FLATHEAD AUDUBON SOCIETY
Gateway Conference Room
May 7, 2018

Present: Bob Lee, Kay Mitchell, Kathy Ross, Denny Olson, Cory Davis, Rod Walette, Lois Drobish, Carole Jorgenson, Marylane Pannell, Jill and Mike Fanning, Gail Linne, Joe Batts and Jan Metzmaker.

Kay Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:05.

Minutes of the April 2, 2018 were approved (Joe/Kathy). PASSED

Treasurer's Report The 7/1/2018-6/31/2019 budget was presented to the board. The treasurer's report was received and filed (Gail/Bob). PASSED

Education Committee Report

*The committee will no longer write a 5-year plan. They will write a yearly plan, as the grant applications usually require a one-year plan.

*Gail presented the "Trunk Ambassadors" program to the board.

*As further outreach to our community the education committee proposed independent student projects for our high schools. It was moved and seconded (Jan/Bob) to implement the independent projects for FHS and GHS students beginning with the fall of 2018. PASSED

President's Report

*The board gave their volunteer hours to Kay to include in the year-end report.

*Kathy will distribute "Hot Spots" brochure to USFS in Bigfork

*The new brochure is complete and will be available for the MT Audubon Bird Festival in June.

*Lana and Joe Batts have donated a projector to the FAS.

*Jake via a written report updated our website and reminded trip leaders to take photos and write up trip results this summer. The bird song CD's are being updated by Bruce Tannehill and will soon be available for sale. The Website Committee meeting will be scheduled some time after May 19th.

*Kay distributed copies of the Liability and Photo Waiver.

*Jill went through some requirements for the annual meeting in Whitefish. Jan will get the key to the Community Center. We will need paper plates, garbage bags, table cleaners, and dishtowels for the event. Marylane will bring a screen. Bring your silent auction items to the meeting.

*It was moved and seconded to adopt the proposed budget for 7/1/2018 - 6/31/2019 (Jan/Kathy). PASSED

Nominations Bob presented the slate of officers and board members to be voted on at the annual meeting. Jake and Jan have agreed to continue on the board and Diane Boyd and Pam Willison have agreed to two-year terms. Derek Rathe will serve a one-year term.

Grants FAS has many grant applications pending.

*Maki Foundation, which will provide money for bj Worth's video project and the hawk watch.

*Audubon in Action would develop marketing for hawk watch festivals in Montana.

*Whitefish Community Foundation application will be sent in June.

*Conservation District Grant papers are complete.

*WHIP grant will provide money for weed reduction at OSNA.

Bird Festival Awards will be given to Lewis Young, Denny Olson and Steve Gniadek. Cory will contract Steve.

Newsletter Linda Winnie listed the articles for the September 2018 PILEATED POST.

Other Business There will not be a June board meeting. Bob Lee will organize a bird trip for a regional board member of the Federal Reserve visiting the Flathead.

Meeting adjourned 7:55.

Sincerely submitted,
Marylane Pannell, Secretary