

Flathead Audubon Society
Monthly Board Meeting
December 5, 2005

Because of inclement weather, the board meeting was officially cancelled. But the several board members who arrived at the meeting place despite the blowing wind and snow stayed to enjoy Bob Lopp's Christmas Chili and the other delicious potluck dishes that were brought, and to participate in an informal discussion of several Audubon issues.

Present: Bob Lopp (President), Mike Fanning, Shirley Harrison, Leslie Kehoe, Bob Lee, Brent Mitchell, Paula Smith, Linda Winnie

The discussion began at 6:15 p.m.

Announcements:

Andrea Goff has notified Flathead Audubon that she will be telling the Bigfork Chamber of Commerce that she is not planning to organize a Bigfork Bird Festival in 2006. The Chamber has not provided the staff and funding to support adequate organization of the Festival.

Recent Pileated Posts have listed an incorrect email address for Bob Lee. The December Post has the correct address: rml3@centurytel.net.

Shirley Harrison asks that people send email messages to her home address (listed in the December Post): hakunash@digisys.net.

The group discussed the issues raised by the Montana Audubon's Strategic Plan Drafting Committee in their November 2005 memo asking for feedback on a proposed Mission Statement for Montana Audubon, a proposed list of Core Values and Beliefs, and a list of Strategic Directions. Bob Lopp recorded the group's comments and will pass them on the Strategic Plan Drafting Committee.

Contents of the January issue of the Pileated Post were discussed. Mike Fanning will try to obtain a digital copy of the page headers to be used to produce the email-distributed copies of the Post. Bob Lee will get the white-paper of the headers to the Newsletter Co-Editors, since these could also be used for the email-distributed copies.

Brent Mitchell, Co-Chair of the Owen Sowerwine Committee, outlined several issues that the Owen Sowerwine Committee will need to deal with in the near future. Possible meeting times were discussed. Brent will find out who is interested in participating in the Committee this year, and set a meeting day and time for the Committee. Anyone interested in participating should contact Brent: 756-8130, bkmitch@bigsky.net.

The discussion ended about 8:15 p.m. The weather had improved considerably by then.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Winnie (standing in for Gail Sullivan, Secretary)