

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 28, 2010  
At Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Kit Birch, Nancy Howell, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles, Diane Sigler. Also: Scot Rush, who has recently moved here from University of Windsor, Canada.

1. Finances: Nancy reported that we have \$9,202.42 in the treasury.
2. Annual Appeal Letter: edits were taken by Tom. Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 6 at Sandwich Delites to fold letters and stuff envelopes. Thank you gifts were discussed for the end of year appeal: blown-out ostrich eggs for \$200 donation; sponsorship of a meeting or a painting done by zoo animals for a \$100 donation; Audubon shade-grown coffee for a \$50 donation.
3. UltraWalk/Bird will be done again in 2011. Tentative dates of May 26, 27, 28 or June 2, 3, 4 were decided upon. Tom will email Trish Potter (Avon walker) about which dates are best for them. We will still have a five mile walk at end of event. We will try to recruit local celebrities to participate. Stan will recruit zoo teenage zoo volunteers.
4. Chapter Collaborative Funding in FY11. It is too late to apply now. We need a proposal ready by Oct. 31, 2012 for FY12 grant. We received \$800 in 2010.
5. Mary Anne will lead a field trip to the Red Wing Cabin area in Hinckley in early June, 2011 in lieu of Terri Martincic's proposed bio-blitz.
6. Mary Anne handed out copies of the WCAS tax return for 2010 so board could review it. Nothing out of the ordinary was noted.
7. Kit talked about Seattle Audubon's Northwest Shade Coffee Campaign's website and all the materials that are available there to help educate people about the benefit of shade grown coffee farms for bird Conservation in South America. She suggested WCAS may be able to download some to use at WCAS program meetings. Mary Anne said she would need to buy a new computer program (QuickTime Pro) to download the slide show for our group. Gayle suggested Kit may be able to put some material together and the zoo staff could handle printing layout for our own brochure.
8. Diane suggested we get new material for our display boards.
9. The board gave Tom input to complete the Chapter Annual Report 2009-10 Questionnaire and Financial Form Worksheet.
10. Tom reported that Gill (GIS professor from Cleveland State) and his two students were putting WCAS IBA data on their Geographical Information System website. These four years of data can be manipulated for many research purposes. Gill has offered to give us a lesson on how to use this website data. Gayle offered to reserve a room at the zoo for him to do this on a large screen. We will meet at 6:00 in the Steffe Building at the Cleveland Zoo on Monday, Dec. 13, 2010.
11. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 at 6:00 in Sandwich Delites, Berea.

