

**Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 9, 2009**  
**6 p.m. at Book and Bean, Berea, OH**

Present: Gayle Albers, Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito (President), Stan Searles, Diane Sigler

1. Planning Brainstorming Meeting on November 16
  - a. Stan Searles reported that about 40 e-mail surveys have been returned. About one half know of our project
  - b. List of attendees is over 30. Stan and Tom are following up with some individuals and organizations who have not replied.
  - c. Penny will make badges for all attendees. Diane has made sign-in sheets
  - d. Tom Romito will bring flipcharts and markers
  - e. Stan is bringing maps, arranging for computer and projector
  - f. Tom requested that the auditorium be set up with tables in a horseshoe.
  - g. Board will arrive by 8 a.m. to set up.
2. Stan suggested we submit notice of our Northeast Ohio Environmental Award to Lynne Tennefoss at National Audubon Society.
3. Audubon Minigrants for 2010: Deadline is December 15. There is over \$3,000 available for Ohio chapters. WCAS ideas: Year 5 of IBA bird survey, Celebration and Dedication of IBA, other ideas to be generated on November 16. Tom will send around the application information and copies of our previous submissions. Tom asked that board members compose the application as he will be out of town during December.
4. NASA Glenn Research Center Earth Day Celebration: WCAS has been invited to set up a table. The date is April 15, 2010.
5. Annual Appeal: Nancy will compose a letter. Mention that the environmental award recognizes our efforts. Board will stuff envelopes on November 30.
6. Calendar from Sally Deems-Mogyordy: Liz showed a copy of Sally's bird calendar. We will discuss how to offer it on November 30.
7. Venezuela birding: Stan Searles and Andy Jones will lead a trip in August 2010
8. Agenda items for next meeting, November 30, 2009, 6 p.m. at Book and Bean:
  - a. Finances
  - b. Conflict of Interest Policy

- c. Meeting Location for February: Will send next newsletter in mid-late January, to notify members of the different location
- d. Cooperation with Cleveland Metroparks on invasive plants: Terry Robison and Terri Martincic
- e. Theme for Minigrants
- f. Annual Appeal mailing
- g. Bird Trail at the Zoo
- h. Sally Deems bird calendar