

# **Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting**

**Monday November 17, 2008 at 6:00PM at  
Book and Bean in Berea, OH**

## **MINUTES**

Present: Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito - President, Diane Sigler, Kathleen Tiburzi

### 1. Finances

- a. Nancy Howell reported a balance of \$13,626.87. Cleveland Museum of Natural History contributed \$100 to support mailing of WCAS year-end appeal.
  - b. Tom Romito has been talking with WCAS members and friends who may be able to help with funding sources to take up gap left by Cleveland Metroparks and Gund. One donor has agreed to contribute \$4,000. Tom urged board members to ask for leads from people they know.
  - c. Audubon Ohio will offer a minigrant program to chapters. Request for proposals will be issued in January 2009, administered by the Chapter Relations Committee, chaired by Tom Romito. Grants will be in the \$1500-\$2000 range. Of \$12,000 available, \$5,000 is targeted to projects related to global warming. Penny O'Connor noted that global warming projects specifically need to have an outreach component, addressing a wider audience. Western Cuyahoga Audubon is unique in having a paid coordinator for the Important Bird Area project. WCAS will apply for a minigrant to help support the IBA effort. Tom asked that board members work together to develop a proposal. Tom expects that board members besides himself will prepare the submission.
2. Final look at year end letter and decision on cost: Board agreed to meet Monday November 24 at 6 p.m. at Book and Bean to assemble year-end mailing. This will save on costs.
  3. Buzzard Day table: Hinckley/Metroparks Buzzard day is Sunday, March 15, 2009 WCAS has been invited to participate. Board will ask for volunteers to represent WCAS.
  4. Set date for winter walk of Hinckley Township property: Hinckley has acquired 33 acres of land to be made into a park for passive-use

activities. They are seeking a conservation easement. WCAS members walked and surveyed birds on Sunday, November 2, 2008. Surveys will continue over the next year in order to provide data on birds and natural assets on the property. The next walk will be in January. Tom Romito will contact Martha Catherwood, Hinckley Trustee, to pick a date.

5. One planet fund raising: no interest
6. December Potluck: WCAS will provide ham, turkey, soft drinks and coffee. Raffle tickets needed for table decorations. Lined signup sheets needed for silent auction. Mary Anne Romito will edit and print silent auction sheets. Bids will be in dollar increments.
7. Next meeting date; WCAS board will meet again at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 12, 2009 at Book and Bean in Berea, OH.