

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society  
Board Meeting Monday, November 29, 2010  
At Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Scott Rush, Stan Searles, Diane Sigler

1. Finances: Nancy Howell reported \$8,912.07 in the treasury. Expenses for 2011 will be lower than in recent years as we have finished the 5-year breeding bird survey. We will produce a final report on the survey.
2. Annual Appeal Letter: Will send out 1100 letters. WCAS board and friends will meet December 6, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites to stuff and mail. Donors of larger amounts will receive gifts of ostrich or emu eggs, or paintings by African vultures. Stan Searles will donate eggs and arrange for paintings.
3. GIS web map meeting: Scheduled for December 13, 2010 at the Zoo's Steffee building. Gayle has sent directions. CSU GIS prof will come to show the capabilities of the system. Dwight Chasar will attend
4. Preparation for annual potluck and silent auction, Tuesday, December 7, 2010. Board will be at the Nature Center at 5 or 5:30 p.m. to set up. Liz Clingman will arrange for turkey and ham. Stan will arrange for pop. Mary Anne will bring 50 bid sheets plus pencils for auction items. Kit will bring table cloths and shade-grown coffee. Diane will bring centerpieces. Nancy will pick up napkins. Diane will bring raffle tickets.
5. Marsh Monitoring: Kathleen Bradley forwarded an e-mail on Marsh Monitoring at Wendtwood from WRLC. Stan Searles will speak with staff at Cleveland Museum of Natural History about monitoring activities which may already be in place.
6. Zoo Bird Trail update: Gayle Albers reported that an Eagle Scout will build 50 bird houses. He will also be seeking donations of materials for the houses. Board discussed types of birds to expect and placement of the boxes.
7. Help for WCAS Board: Stan discussed possible addition to the WCAS board of someone skilled in public relations, or a professional educator. Another possibility would be to call in people with these skills to help with specific projects. Possible contacts from Cleveland Regional Council of Science Teachers, and retired journalist.
8. Scott Rush, ornithologist, was welcomed onto the board. His research has been on Hooded Warblers, Clapper Rails, Cormorants and trout in the Great Lakes.
9. Diane Sigler reported a problem with her IBA Coordinator salary paid by WCAS, but administered through Cleveland Metroparks. Tom later reported that the mixup is resolved.
10. Ultrawalk and Ultrabird: Tom has been trying to reach some former ultrawalkers to help decide the date. Stan indicated that "Zoo Crew" teen volunteers would walk in relays. Board picked Saturday, May 28, 2011 for the event.
11. Board will meet December 6, 2010 to stuff annual appeal letter. Board will meet December 13, 2010 to learn about GIS applications for bird survey data. The next

regular board meeting will be Monday, January 24, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio.