

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting Monday February 18, 2008, 6:30 p.m.,
Book and Bean, Berea

Present: Tom Romito, Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Terri Martincic, Penny O'Connor, Diane Sigler.

1. Treasurer's Report (Nancy)
 - a. \$15,278.
 - b. Annual appeal profit is now \$685. six people donated \$100
2. Update on publishing of Important Bird Area Progress Report (Tom, Diane)
 - a. Input from Terry Robison: he was impressed by our volunteers; he also did substantial editing to make the product more polished.
 - b. Nancy: Can we use a recycled paper? Tom will investigate.
 - c. Number of copies : Libraries=15, Mayors=12, Park Commissioners=3, Funders=6, Nature Centers=6, Volunteers, supporters= up to 100, Audubon Ohio Advisors, Chapter leaders in Ohio=40
We decided to order 120 copies all color, distribute to officials, libraries, Audubon Ohio, etc. and offer volunteers and chapter members a report on request. The report will also be on the chapter website.
 - d. Tom: This project is important. Other groups are very impressed with the scientific survey to influence land use decisions. Jerry Tinianow, of Audubon Ohio, is taking this report to meeting of Partners in Flight. Tom will be able to take extra copies for outreach when he speaks to groups.
 - e. Border on spine should be black
3. Outreach efforts to promote IBA (Tom, Stan Searles)
 - a. Tom has offered talks to Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions in communities in the Rocky River IBA area. So far three groups in North Royalton, Westlake, and North Olmsted have invited Tom to talk.
 - b. Nancy and Terri are working on a PowerPoint show for the presentations.
4. March 30th IBA Celebration Planning (Terri)
 - a. Terri presented an Open House agenda, working with agenda; we selected potential people to work on various activities during the open house.
 - b. Two test/protocol review sessions for observers. Recorders will be invited to attend these as well.
5. Contacting Observers, any additional contacts for our list (Terri)
 - a. Tom will contact past and potential new observers
 - b. Diane Sigler will work with a grant proposal (see below)
6. Grant opportunities to support IBA (Tom)
 - a. Tom presented draft report to Gund on our IBA grant. Board members added and edited

- b. Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat (organization) is now Freshwater Futures; grants can be up to \$3,500. They want to see how we advocate stormwater management. Terri suggests Weeders in the Wild. Diane suggests activities with Watershed Council and headwater streams. Our data helped advocate for purchase of additional property for Metroparks. We are coordinating the watershed through other partners and reaching out to mayors and citizen science. We can be member organization of Freshwater futures for \$100. Diane will compose a grant and investigate advantages of membership for WCAS.
7. "Walk in the Park," giveaways, Amsterdam Printing (Penny)
 - a. WCAS needs corporate sponsors for the event, money or in-kind (i.e. volunteers, water, snacks)
 - b. Some organizations offer so much volunteer time plus donations to nonprofits.
 - c. Rocky River Watershed Council participation: Tom will encourage RRWC board members to participate in the walk/biathlon.
 - d. Nancy will investigate giveaways
8. Science Olympiad -- March (Nancy)
 - a. March 15, a Saturday at Cleveland State.
9. Purchase of Waterford Press Nature Guides x2 (Tom)
 - a. Great Lakes Trees and Wild Flowers, Ohio Birds
 - b. Order 150 of each, WCAS can sell at Walk, Dike 14, Field Trips
 - c. Tom will coordinate the purchase of the nature guides with Nancy and Waterford Press.
10. School Days Program (Nancy)
 - a. Weds May 21, 10-2 at Edgewater Park
 - b. In the past WCAS has had a table, teachers bring students, people entertain kids, wetlands? Migration game?
 - c. Need a team to do this, if we are to do it. Will ask at next membership meeting, may be a way to involve some new members.
11. Additional items
 - a. Terri has e-mailed a citizen who goes to Metroparks Board meetings. She encourages someone from Audubon to attend these meetings.
 - b. Tom plans to get on the agenda of a spring meeting of the Metroparks Board. He will update the commissioners on the IBA project (He spoke to them in 2006) and invite them to participate in the walk/biathlon.
 - c. Terri has put IBA data into a spreadsheet and e-mailed to WCAS board. Can analyze this data.
 - d.
12. Next meeting Sunday March 16 at 5:00 at Book and Bean, Berea

Adjourn: 9:33 p.m.