

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Sunday, February 21, 2010, 3 p.m.
at Liz Clingman's home

Present: Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Terri Martincic, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles.

1. Finances and Annual Appeal Funds.
 - a. Nancy Howell reports \$12,781.69 on hand. Metroparks has enough for Diane's salary for the moment.
 - b. Annual Appeal for 2009 grossed about \$1225, netted \$599. Annual appeal for 2010 grossed about \$1543. Net profit will be about \$800.
2. GIS course at CSU: Stan Searles will investigate. WCAS has been offered Geographic Information Systems student project. Will want to talk with John Mack and Terry Robison.
3. Event: Celebrate Urban Birds, Saturday, Sept 25 2010. Parma South Library. Nancy reports it is an all-day event for families. WCAS can present display, talk, publicize IBA, birds in the neighborhood.
4. Bird Slide Donation: Nancy and Stan have corresponded with the potential donor. It is a collection that would be best housed someplace like CMNH. There are slides of birds from many places. Donor spent much time in the South Pacific. Value of the collection is that it would present a snapshot of bird life in a given area and time in the past.
5. B-W Sustainability Symposium March 1-2: Theme is Climate Change. Tom Romito will attend with Diane Sigler and Gerianne Hannibal.
6. Buzzard Sunday, March 21, 2010. WCAS will have a table at Hinckley Elementary School, near display for Medina Raptor Center. Liz will set up on Saturday. Barbara Warny, Penny O'Connor, Nancy Howell, Tom Romito will attend. Hours are 7-4
7. School Days Program on Wednesday May 26 at Edgewater Park. Naturalist Carol Ward coordinates it. WCAS Volunteer needed.
8. Tom will attend LEAP meeting 3/17 at Cleveland Museum of Natural History. LEAP is Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership for Biodiversity. Many environmental organizations are part of LEAP.
9. IBA Forest Breeding Bird Survey Data on Website: Terri Martincic has put the data into an Excel spreadsheet. She can sort by species. Suggests Avian Knowledge Network as a more permanent repository. Data can be shared, but we can also control access. Note: CMNH Curator's forum in March will feature Andy Jones on Bird Surveys. Also noted: Sarah Mabey (Hiram College) has contacted Diane Sigler and will meet with her in March regarding analysis of IBA data.
10. Science Olympiad on March 20. Nancy Howell will take banner and newsletters. Dave LeGaltee has offered to help.

11. Meeting place: Discussion of whether WCAS should meet at the Zoo more frequently. Noted that most attendees at the February meeting were docents working on Continuing Education credits. Will possibly ask to have year-end picnic or volunteer dinner at the Zoo, rather than monthly meetings. Central location and support of Zoo staff are much appreciated.
12. Kiwanis presentations: Tom Romito will speak to groups this spring. Three are scheduled. 3/30/10 Lakewood, 4/13/10 Westlake, 5/19/10 Kamm's Corners.
13. Zoo Birding Trail: WCAS will meet Gayle Albers and Education Dept. at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 22 at the front Zoo gate. Will walk through sites; focus on habitats and potential birds. Stan Searles noted that state money helped to fund the previous bird feeder display.
14. Funding/Development: Nancy noted that Toyota Together Green grants have been awarded for the type of projects that WCAS is doing. Tom suggested that we use every opportunity. Also noted the importance of partners such as Metroparks, CMNH. COAC, Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters, is still regrouping, according to Stan. WCAS needs a Development Chair. Stan offered Mary Anne a chance to meet with Zoo web consultant.
15. Year 5 Forest Breeding Bird Survey: Will meet either on April 12 or on April 19, 6 p.m. at Rock River Nature Center to qualify observers and review protocols. Tom will contact point finders. Need to contact Terry Robison regarding marking of points.
16. Kit received the coffee order for donors. The cost was \$130.. Nancy will send the coffee out soon.
17. Stakeholder meeting: Discussed scheduling of another stakeholder meeting, as we had planned to meet again with the group from November. Some wished to meet in spring, but the schedule is full. Will try for July.
18. Next meeting: Monday, March 16, 2010 at Sandwich Delights in Berea.