

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society  
Board Meeting  
Sunday, February 22, 2009 5 p.m.  
At home of Liz Clingman

Present: Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Diane Sigler

1. Finances – Nancy Howell: WCAS received \$2,583 from National Audubon on November 26, 2008. Money on hand: \$12,728.57. Some of this money will be spent for the Native Plants Flyer. Various groups have put in money for this. WCAS will need to raise about \$6,000 this year to pay the salary of the Important Bird Area coordinator. Diane will write 10 bullet points to use in fundraising.
2. “Help keep the message on birds and climate change alive” Write an article or letter to the local paper. Will e-mail sample letters.
3. Diane is on the Metroparks payroll. WCAS has sent \$8,000 to cover part of the salary. Metroparks will administer payroll, OPERS, etc.
4. WCAS has been asked to join a petition to end commercial harvest of freshwater turtles in Ohio. Board voted yes.
5. Water treatment plant tour. Tours are offered Tuesday through Friday only, during Spring, Summer and Fall. We will ask members at the March meeting if they would attend a water treatment tour during the week.
6. Techsoup offers conference calling for \$45 per year subscription plus \$.06 per minute. WCAS will consider. Mary Anne will check for full details.
7. North Coast Nature Festival: April 24, 25, 26, 2009. Still need volunteers. Will call some members and also ask at our Program meeting on March 3.
8. IBA ultrawalk issues
  - a. Diane priced shirts for \$6 each if we buy 50.
  - b. Tom met with Stan Searles. Stan is recruiting walkers and sponsors
  - c. Barbara Warny will take signup sheets to Brook Park Recreation Center. The sheets have a description of the reasons for the walk. Tom amended the wording
9. Buzzard Day in Hinckley: Sunday, March 15, 2009. 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Setup can be done Saturday, March 14. Liz Clingman will set up. Have some volunteers, still need more.

10. Update on Audubon Ohio Executive Director: Jerry Tinianow left. Staff is much reduced. Roger Still is the interim director. National Audubon is not underwriting the Executive Director salary any longer. Audubon Ohio is in the red. Lynne Tennefoss will administer chapter minigrant funds. Marnie Urso is still on board. Bridget McDaniel has taken a new job.
11. Schedule deadlines for newsletter: Deadlines will be first of January for February/April issue, first of April for May/July issue, first of July for August/October issue and first of October for November/January issue.
12. Additional issues:
  - a. Edgewater School Days is Wednesday, May 20. Need volunteers.
  - b. Wind Turbine: Mary Anne met with Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society at the Fairgrounds. The Planning Commission will be requesting funds for the project under Obama Stimulus program.
  - c. Northeastern Ohio Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Penny presented info about the fair. Western Cuyahoga Audubon could sponsor a Special Science Fair award (or awards). A way to encourage science study and to recognize young conservation-minded students. Good PR. Penny will send additional information to the board. May be able to make this year's deadline.
13. The next meeting is Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Book and Bean, Berea Ohio 5 p.m.