

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010
At Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

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

1. Finances:
 - a. In treasury \$12,095.79
 - b. Paid for April-July newsletter, may need more copies for outreach events
 - c. Diane's Metroparks account still has funds
 - d. Next coffee purchase will be in August.
2. Together Green Grants: Deadline is May 7, may apply next year
3. Audubon Minigrants: have not yet received money. Will get about \$800.
4. Combined Federal Campaign: Tom submitted our application. Last year WCAS received about \$150.
5. Potential new board members: Added Gayle Albers and Terri Martincic (returning)
6. Disposition of GPS and compass at end of IBA Breeding Bird Survey
 - a. Mary Anne Romito reported that WCAS has 10 GPS units and 9 compasses. She suggested that since technology advances, WCAS may want to auction or sell extra units, before they become too obsolete.
 - b. Diane Sigler noted that there may be an opportunity to do more bird surveys.
7. River Road Property, Hinckley: Martha Catherwood reported that Scouts are putting in bird boxes and Rocky River Watershed Council will be planting trees. WCAS will possibly continue involvement through walks or a field trip.
8. International Migratory Bird Day at the Zoo: Table will be staffed by Joanne and Terry Gorges, Penny O'Connor, Stan Searles, Barbara Warny.
9. Preparation for Stakeholders Meeting on April 28, 2010: Tom will bring equipment such as markers and flip charts. Diane will bring summary of the November meeting. Tom asked what we want out of the meeting. Gayle mentioned citizen science and stewardship; Tom noted that municipalities should understand the importance of the watershed. Nancy would like to see more involvement with cities. Stan looks to more projects with Metroparks, and some on our own or with other partners. WCAS is viewed as an active group with volunteers to support research.

10. Volunteers for Dike 14 open house: Will have displays outside the fenced area. Guided bird walks will be at 7:30 and 8:30, otherwise self-guided. Volunteers would staff WCAS table or work with releases, etc. WCAS will sell bird guides.
11. Staffing tables at events:
 - a. Need to secure more volunteers
 - b. Add a volunteer line on membership renewal form
 - c. Appoint an activities chair, who would organize and invite event volunteers
 - d. Call members one-on-one
 - e. Add this to a future Board agenda
12. Girl Scout Hike: Will be 2 p.m. Sunday, October 3, 2010 at Lake-to-Lake. Liz and Nancy have volunteered. Others?
13. Proposal for GIS in IBA
 - a. Stan has been in touch with CSU professor. Two students are funded
 - b. Can do overlays in bird surveys, map bird counts, add a vegetation layer, make an interactive website layer
 - c.
14. Website: Mary Anne reports difficulty with current host. Will explore alternatives.
15. Ultrawalk:
 - a. Liz will have a table, hoping to take donations, sell bird guides and t-shirts
 - b. Support for Stan's Friday Walk? May see if others want to walk a distance with him
 - c. Ultrabird in Rocky River Reservation will be on Friday morning, Hinckley on Saturday morning.
 - d. Hope to have a listing from Plain Dealer environmental reporter. Also possibly EcoWatch
 - e. Stan has walked with Cleveland Hiking Club president, hope for some participation.
 - f. Zoo Crew teens a possibility
16. Zoo trail: Gayle Albers acknowledged Nancy's summary. Will replace boxes by Free Flight Falls, monitor nests with Cornell Protocol. Gayle is working for donations of boxes or materials. Also will need volunteers to watch nest boxes.
17. Next meeting: Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites in Berea.