

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting, Minutes Sunday, June 3, 2007 Book and Bean, Berea 5 p.m.

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

1. **Treasury:** \$12,061.71

2. **Fund Raising:** Birdathon \$65 so far. Stan Searles' 31-mile walk with Katie Genoviso and Tom Romito raised \$225.
Grants: Need to link our projects with advocacy, visible contacts to the citizenry. Collaboration with the RR Watershed Council would fit in. WCAS will consider collaboration of RRWC on the Important Bird Area workshop for public officials.
Brainstorming about how to build public and media awareness of the Important Bird Area, and the many elements to be tied in: Weeders in the Wild, Dike 14.

3. **IBA update:** Still waiting for additional points; if they come in later, we may postpone adding them until next year. Training for the vegetation survey is Saturday, June 16 at Rocky River Nature Center. Dan Petit will do the training. Nineteen people expected. People may survey one set of points or two .Each survey takes about an hour. Includes distance to water, slope and vegetation cover, as well as identification of trees and shrubs. May need to purchase some additional equipment.
Appreciation dinner for Rocky River IBA project: possibly August 30.

4. **Audubon Camp at Cleveland Greenhouse/Glenville Heritage Days:** This is a "virtual Audubon Center." Two full-time people will coordinate. Volunteers are needed to help teachers. Dates are July 9 – August 10. 9-noon, Mon-Fri. WCAS and Audubon need people to staff Glenville Heritage festival on August 11. Take Dike 14 kit along at festival. It is an opportunity to participate in the neighborhood.

5. **Bird checklist:** The Birdathon list can be modified into a checklist for birding in the Rocky River Important Bird Area. Add stars for IBA forest breeding species.

6. **Board Meeting** July 8, 2007, 2 p.m. at Liz Clingman's: Cookout, bring a side dish. Purpose: to brainstorm on events and fundraising. July 15 is the backup day.

7. **"Buy Native Plants" Flyer:** ODNR is interested in doing the flyer again. Diane will work with Terri and Melissa Mosur from ODNR and Kathy Lehn from the Biodiversity Alliance.

8. **Christmas Bird Count** will be Saturday, Dec 29, 2007.

Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Penny O'Connor, WCAS Secretary