

# Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting

Monday June 20, 2009  
at 6:00PM at  
Nancy Howells home

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

1. Finances – (Nancy) Balance is \$14,619.41. A donor \$2,200. Expenses coming up include: Speakers (\$100. each), Newsletter printing (1550 copies for this issue), Coffee, and Diane's Salary. Money coming in includes Audubon Safety Net payment, and Audubon Ohio Minigrant. We will also have income from memberships, Annual Appeal and Silent Auction. Likely will do Ultrawalk and Ultrabird next spring. Discussion of money due to Diane, and work to be done this summer for IBA. Board asked Diane to total up hours not yet charged for this year and send in time sheets so that she can be paid that work. Tom will find out how much is left in fund at Metroparks for Diane's salary, and WCAS will replenish what is needed. Tom noted that work on Lake to Lake survey is paid by Cleveland Metroparks.
2. June Picnic Venue. Board decided to hold the picnic at Bonnie Park Picnic Area in June 2010. Bonnie Park Picnic Area is located off Valley Parkway in Mill Stream Run Reservation, off Pearl Road/Route 42 in Strongsville.
3. IBA Appreciation Dinner
  - a. Tom reports 22 signed up so far. Head count is due August 13. Tom and Mary Anne will bring paper plates.
  - b. Tom will check with Aramark what is provided with dinner.
4. Audubon Ohio issues  
Audubon Ohio will discuss the future of the state office and Board of Directors at the next meeting. No grantseeking occurred this year due to resignation of the Executive Director. There is another new grassroots coordinator: Eric Uhde.
5. Berea Arts Festival, Sunday September 13, 2009
  - a. Nancy has application form. WCAS has a note in the newsletter asking for volunteers to staff the table.
  - b. Tables supplied if we request.

- c. Penny noted that this on the same day as our field trip to Canalway.
6. New Display Board: Tom showed the new board, compact and easy to carry. Dave Lewis built it.
7. Optics Show and Tell, Donation show and tell
  - a. A Celestron astronomical telescope and a birding scope were donated to WCAS We will check for more information in order to price these for auction. Also looked at pictures of donated prints and bird figurine.
8. Outreach Activities
  - a. Dike 14 open house is Saturday, September 26. Tom reported that the Cooperative asked for bird walk leaders for 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Nancy Howell volunteered. Will ask some others as well. No tables this year, just a table at the entrance. Bring WCAS banner to hang on the fence.
  - b. Berea Arts Fair (see above)
  - c. Will NASA hold an open house for Federal Appeal groups? Tom will check.
9. Cuyahoga Fair Wind Turbine project: Tom reported that the wind turbine will not be built this year, due lack of funding. The group may apply for other grants.
10. Greenwich CT Audubon is having a festival, invite WCAS to participate. We will not attend, but we note with interest the donation levels and fees for participation.