

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Monday, July 26, 2010 at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

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

1. Finances
 - a. Nancy Howell reported that the IBA Ultrawalk netted \$1,545.12
 - b. Treasury has \$12,697.22. Biggest expense was newsletter mailing
 - c. Will move \$4,300 to Metroparks account for Diane's salary.
 - d. Discussed upcoming expense of a final report on the Five-year breeding bird study in the Rocky River Important Bird Area
 - i. Ferris Anthony outlined the steps in production of a report updating the Interim Report
 1. Enter Data (40 hrs) Will ask last year's volunteers. Zoo may have volunteers who can help.
 2. Summarize Data
 3. Writing of report to update and expand (40 hrs)
 4. Editing
 5. Design of the report, photos, etc.
 6. Printing (cost last time was about \$10. per book, possibly \$10.50 this time?)
 7. Circulation
 8. Will request about \$6,000 total from a donor
2. Facebook
 - a. Vicki Searles did a tutorial on the WCAS Facebook Page
 - b. Easy to update and make connections
3. CSU GIS project
 - a. Building a website for bird data, may be able to work with data visualization
4. Vision 2020: Diane reviewed the results of our sessions with the other stakeholders in the Rocky River Watershed. Goal to support acquisition and protection of land in the watershed. Some is privately held and some public. Stan and Ferris suggested a planning grant to further the goals.
5. NRAC nomination: City of Cleveland will make a selection in September. David Beach is willing to serve again.
6. Appreciation Dinner Tuesday August 31, 2010. May award certificates to observers and recorders.

7. Swift night out / Metroparks. Will note on WCAS website and send E-blast.
8. Volunteering to help with Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill
 - a. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is coordinating the effort
 - b. Check before traveling to volunteer
9. Benefit for flood victims in Tennessee
 - a. Blue Sky Printing is sponsoring
 - b. Benefit will be Sept. 11, 2010 in Lakewood. We decided a free membership would be o.k. and Nancy suggested we "dress it up" a bit with something else to make it stand out at the raffle.
10. Special Board Meeting August 23 at Sandwich Delites in Berea, 6:00 to talk further about Vision 20/20. We also will keep up-to-date on the Five Year Report, and check on any last minute details for the Appreciation Dinner.