

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society  
Board Meeting Monday, August 23, 2010 6 p.m.  
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. \$9,375.22 in the treasury
  - b. Diane's salary sent to Metroparks
  - c. Will need to pay bill for website move to new host
  - d. Spent about \$2,000 on last newsletter, sent to about 1,000 national Audubon members in WCAS area
2. Membership
  - a. 33 renewals so far
  - b. Will bring membership blanks to appreciation dinner and to next meeting
3. Hospitality person at meetings  
June Cangey has volunteered, will come at 7 to set up.
4. Hinckley Important Bird Area hikes
  - a. Terri Martincic has been hiking Hinckley trails to plan the walks. There are many renegade trails, and many mismarked trails.
  - b. Will want to tap into researchers working in the areas
  - c. Hope to begin in 2011, April, June, August and October
  - d. Name for the hikes? IBA specials?
  - e. May hold a special meeting to coordinate these walks
5. Personal calls to members to thank them for their support
  - a. Mary Anne Romito suggested this, just a friendly contact
  - b. About 100 names. Board members will share the calls.
6. Appreciation dinner
  - a. August 31, Aramark will cater
  - b. Liz suggested that we provide them with tax-exempt information to save the cost of sales tax.
  - c. Gayle mentioned that the dinner will be supported by the Cleveland Zoological Society
  - d. Will run a slide show of photos from 5 years of the Rocky River Important Bird Area Breeding Bird Survey
7. Film Festival Sept 11 at CMNH
  - a. WCAS display 6-7 p.m. and during intermission

- b. Liz Clingman will represent WCAS. Will ask for more volunteers in E-Blast.
8. Ohio Ornithological Society bird walks at Dike 14
    - a. Would like to have them Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 10
    - b. Craig Caldwell has volunteered to take care of opening and closing the gates and collecting releases
    - c. WCAS will do paperwork, will limit the number of attendees and set times
  9. Dike 14 Open House September 25, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
    - a. Who will represent WCAS? Will ask for volunteers in E-Blast and at meeting Sept 7.
    - b. Need table and banner, no display boards as the event is outside.
  10. Parma Library event, Sept 25, Celebrate Urban Birds
    - a. Gayle has a display which will be useful
    - b. Diane created a display, how to attract birds
    - c. Native plants flyer, newsletters
    - d. Stan Searles and Dave LeGallee have volunteered
    - e. Will ask for volunteers in E-Blast
  11. Terri asked about new survey points that John Mack has created. Tom will ask John to do a “sneak preview” at the appreciation dinner August 31.
  12. Next meeting will be Monday, September 27, 2010 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites in Berea.

-Penny O'Connor