

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Sunday, August 26, 2007
Book and Bean, Berea OH 4:16-6:05

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

1. Treasurer's Report: 33 renewals/new members, have \$12,411.34 in the treasury. Have spent about \$911 on IBA so far, of money in treasury \$6,000 in IBA grant. Terri comments: Education for board members should be part of the budget, insofar as it relates to WCAS projects and needs. Tom proposes about \$1,000 per year for board training and education.
2. IBA Appreciation Dinner: Thursday, August 30 at 6 p.m.
 - a. Food: Liz-Ham, Diane-Bread and pie, Cake from Giant Eagle and Ice-Penny, Ice-Tea and Lemonade-Nancy
 - b. Pitchers – Liz will bring 15
 - c. Beverages/Coffee—Kit will bring coffee to drink and for sale.
 - d. Tables: Diane has made centerpieces of mums, tea lights, mints.
 - e. Raffle of centerpieces, and we will have birdseed and a coupon for all from Wild Birds Unlimited
 - f. Welcome table with sign in (laptop), tickets, brochures, newsletters, Vegetation surveyors should check in with Terri. Further volunteer opportunities.
 - g. Welcome to Dinner, then cake, program at 7:30: Diane, Mary Anne, Tom, Terri will talk at the dinner.
3. WCAS participation in Rocky River Watershed Festival Saturday Sept 29, 2007
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.:
WCAS display, it will be one day only
 - i. Tom, Penny: can ask for volunteers at WCAS Sept 4 meeting.
 - ii. Bird and nature walk in Medina at Allerdale led by Dan Bertsch of Medina Metroparks, 7:30 a.m.
 - iii. Tom is proposing that WCAS and RRWC become partners
 - iv. Donation from WCAS to festival - \$25. sponsorship, moved by Tom Romito. Seconded by Liz. Approved unanimously.
 - v. Will also have a display for Dike 14 Environmental Education Council.

4. IBA walk in the spring:

Stan Searles and Champ Racing are proposing to invite runners and bike riders to participate with an entry fee. Long-distance walkers will leave at 6 a.m. Bikes later, runners at 5 miles, walkers with \$10 entry fee. Medallion for all participants. Tom, Diane and Mary Anne will meet with Jane Christyson this week.

We need to solicit volunteers for this event at all WCAS meetings.

5. Bird of the month: Sept. Joe Reardon – Wild Turkey, March, Terri - Cerulean Warbler
6. Sept. 4 Membership meeting: 1st meeting of the year: Tom and Mary Anne will talk about Watershed Festival and Dike 14 Scenic Sunday. Diane will talk about IBA, Terri – Vegetation survey and Weeders, Nancy and Mary Anne – Dike 14 Discovery Kit and events on Sept 15 and Sept 23, Diane will talk about IBA, Tom will talk about Spring IBA events, Nancy will introduce Joe Reardon and Chickadee speaker.
7. WCAS participation in Combined Federal Campaign Festival at NASA Glenn Research Center, Tues Sept 25 or Weds 26, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Tom, Diane and Kit
8. WCAS display board and pamphlets – Mary Anne reports that we will need display board and handouts for the Rocky River Watershed Festival on Sept 29 and for the Dike 14 Scenic Sunday Walk on Sept 23. There will be two bird walks early in the morning. There will be self-guided walks with info stops later in the day. Diane suggests plastic cover.
9. WCAS Field trip to Dike 14 will be at 7:30 a.m. on September 15. The trip leader is Nancy Howell. She will pick up the key for Dike 14 and make 40 copies of waivers.
10. Use of PowerPoint presentations at WCAS event: Black River Audubon has done a PowerPoint on creating healthy environments for birds, butterflies bees and people... Available with an Audubon speaker or as a timed kiosk presentation. Harriet Alger is the contact person. Terri reports that April field trip to Bacon Woods may be with Black River Audubon.
11. Diane, Mary Anne, Paula Lozano and Nancy created the bird discovery kit for Dike 14, for school age children, grades 4-7. Can be used in the classroom or outside. WCAS section was the first of nine to be completed. Now that the kits are complete, Dike 14 EEC members are asked to market these to schools, homeschoolers, etc. WCAS can mention it at all of the meetings. Nancy sends letters to Audubon Adventure recipients. It is publicized in our newsletter and on our website. Western Cuyahoga Audubon will have two complete packs to lend out. Idea for later: RAISE, or Cleveland Public Schools Science Coordinators. Letter should mention curriculum guidelines. WCAS will need to document what steps were taken.

12. Tom reports that Western Cuyahoga Audubon is famous for our excellent programs. Tom is a director at Audubon Ohio. Jerry Tinianow showed slides of the Audubon camp at the Cleveland City Greenhouse. Campers went to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (Tom was the leader), Stephanie Tubbs Jones came on the last day, WCAS booth at the Glenville Heritage Festival was very well attended. Kids loved the bird game. The Audubon Ohio Board was impressed with the project.
13. Terri needs help with vegetation Survey: August 28, Sept 1, Sept 2, and Sept 4.
14. Adjourn at 6:05