

## Agenda for December 12, 2005 WCAS Board Meeting

In attendance were Kit Birch, Mary Anne and Tom Romito, Liz Clingman, Claudia Anders, Nancy Howell and Terri Martincic.

1. Letter to “members” who have not renewed their support. The board decided to send a polite letter to those who have not renewed. Nancy will draft letter. Mary Anne will mail letter. Nancy will supply mailing list.
2. Rough draft of newsletter, was reviewed. The Board decided to include a brief explanation of the IBA Adoption and a note to watch for a special edition of the newsletter with further details.  
Kit Birch also presented the idea that listing of the congressional representatives by zip code be included to assist in advocacy efforts. The Board thought this might be helpful to include.
3. Treasurer’s report. (Nancy) Nancy reported that the Silent Auction and sale of the Ham and Turkey at the December Membership meeting were good. We are solvent.
4. Any more thoughts on selling lapel pins, key chains or pens as fund-raiser? The Board decided to table the selling of product. Rather it was thought that items that birders could use in the field such as pencils and long, narrow note pads with the WCAS logo and web site would be more helpful.
5. Audubon Adventures-Nancy Howell reported that Paula has called those who participated in the past and that there are 10 return classes and 4 new additions. They include a home schooling and library.
6. West Creek Preservation Committee-The Board decided that since West Creek is now a Cleveland Metropark, we should concentrate our time on RR.
7. Rocky River IBA- monitoring kick-off event and training workshop possible dates: Mary Anne Romito and Nancy Howell will contact Dan Petit regarding dates and times and curriculum. Lively discussion of available dates and content followed. Tom said that we also need to find out the urgency of developing a Memorandum of Understanding between the WCAS and Cleveland Metroparks. At the Audubon retreat, a presenter recommended that a MOU be completed.  
Liz Clingman asked the Board about what a person could do to participate if they preferred not to do point counts. Following a discussion, the Board felt that volunteers could do point counts or monitor a designated area.
8. Recruiting volunteers for our RR IBA “target the hunters” idea: Nancy said that she would contact D’arcy Egan at the PD with the info; Terry Martincic will check her

resources about the best way to contact hunters in the RR watershed area; Mary Anne Romito will place an announcement on list serve. The Board helped to create a list of groups to notify about training sessions for point count and monitoring volunteers.

*If any member has the name, contact name, e-mail address or postal address of a group that would support our adoption of the RRIBA and volunteer to gather data, please let Mary Anne Romito know.*

9. The Board discussed what items will be needed to support the IBA volunteers: Clipboards, timers, compass, pencils, pads and forms. Mary Anne Romito stated that the ODNR birds of Ohio CD and Booklets have arrived. Thank you to the ODNR for the materials.
9. Survey for Audubon Ohio State Assembly. Tom Romito asked that Board members complete the survey regarding this event. Last April, Tom said it included workshops, dinner and speakers. It was held at a hotel and did have a fee attached to it. It will mostly likely be held in 2006. Tom will keep us posted about the results of the survey.
10. Mary Anne announced that you can link from WCAS web site via the sightings or links headings to Jim McCathy's web site. This way if you do not receive the Thursday PD you can read his column.
11. Nancy Howell said that we had received a holiday greeting card and invitation to attend a holiday dinner with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy-Firelands Land Conservancy.