

MINUTES OF WCAS BOARD MEETING 10-4-2005

1. Called to order 6:35 pm by Mary Anne Romito who passed out the agenda for the meeting. In attendance were: Mary Anne, Tom, Mary Beth, Kit, Claudia, Terri, Nancy and Marni.
2. The membership meeting agenda was discussed and revised. Nancy volunteered to be the MC. for tonight's meeting.
3. Nancy reported that there are now 43 members. She volunteered to give Joe Reardon a thank you card and patch during the membership meeting or to mail it to him if he does not come tonight.
4. Nancy stated that she has received 4 applications for the Audubon Adventures program kits.
5. Terri and Mary Anne announced changes in the field trips: Jan. will be The Wilds with Mohican Audubon, Feb are Avon Lake for Lake birds and Killdeer Plains for winter raptors, and March will be Lewis Rd. Hike leaders are still being confirmed.
6. Mary Anne presented info on the Bird Watcher's Bit Sit and said that Kirtland Bird Club will be participating. After discussion the Board decided to announce at the membership meeting that info would be placed on the back table.
7. IBA sub committees: Mary Anne said that all 3 have met and the coordinators: Tom, Nancy and Kit with liaison Mary Anne would be meeting and reporting to the Board. Nancy said that the Dedication committee charged her with 2 actions that have been completed: 1. she has contacted Jan Christian, Metroparks Special Events person to schedule a meeting with Bob Hinkle etc. 2. Prices for IBA signs were estimated by John Ritzetholer to be 3 free and then around \$5 each.
8. Terri reported that she has responded to the e-mail from Big Creek Metropark, but has received no response.
9. Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for Dec. 31st, New Year's Eve Day. Nancy asked if we should have the Chili dinner around lunch time. Discussion followed. It was necessary to determine if the Nature Center would be available earlier that day. Nancy to follow up with final plans. Terri asked who was where. She will be at the Lewis Rd. site. Mary Ann said that history of leaders is on the web site.
10. Kit shared upcoming newsletter. Revisions were discussed based on new field trips sites.
11. Marni passed out info that Ohio Audubon set up for Stewardship Teams to increase IBA support and to follow the lead of the State.
Also Audubon Ohio is holding 2 advocacy events:
-Dec. 4-6 in Washington DC the Ohio Audubon to meet with congress person regarding the Great Lakes Guardianship.
-Sat. Dec. 10 at the RRNC, 10-12 noon, advocacy training to write letters etc.
11. Two letters form community individuals have been received by the Board. and Responses were discussed. Claudia will request more information from the first Writer and Terri will talk to Dan from Natural Resources to determine if there is A foundation for the concerns expressed by the writer of the second letter. Terri Claudia will respond with an appropriate letter.

12. Tom and Mary Anne will be attending the COACT retreat in Mohican on Nov 12-13. The Council of Ohio Audubon Chapters is a loose Association of Chapters will meet to workshop on chapter building and will be led by a professional facilitator. Board felt that if any Board members wanted to go WCAS would pick up the \$75 fee. Other WCAS members are encouraged to attend at their own expense. Deadline to register is Oct 28th.
13. Tom has received a request to present a presentation on birds for the West Creek Volunteer Group. On Oct 18th, Brooklyn Hats. Community Center, 7 pm. Nancy Howell volunteered to present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.