

MINUTES OF WCAS BOARD MEETING 9-6-2005

1. Called to order 6:25 pm by Mary Anne Romito In attendance were:
Liz, Mary Anne, Tom, Mary Beth, Kit, Claudia, Terri, Nancy and Alice
2. Tom Romito gave a copy of the National Audubon roster to Nancy Howell
3. Mary Anne past out packets that she had prepared on agenda items and related materials with the priority to be to set the agenda for the meeting this night.
Thank you Mary Anne for completing the packets.
4. Nancy discussed programs and speaker line up for the 2005-6 year. February is still TBA, looking for a local speaker to avoid possible weather travel problems. She is staying within budget. Nancy states that some speakers are asking for mileage. The Board agreed that she should handle this on an individual basis.
5. Community Bird is on hold
6. Audubon Adventures-has 3 teachers interested states Nancy. She has names from Paula. Mary Anne said last year's info is on web site. Nancy will give Mary Anne info to post.
7. Terri reports that there is a Red Breasted Nuthatch at the Lewis Road area.
8. Terri said that Weeders in the Wild had a full schedule. She was pleased to announce that Stacy Allen, Metropark Naturalist would be attending the event at West Creek Park from 2-5 pm 9-10-05. Also the PD will be listing the Sunday's West Creek field trip in the Jim McCarthy column of the Thursday PD.
9. Terri announced that the Sun Post listed Tuesdays evening's programs.
10. Tom Romito announced that he had been elected to the Board of Directors of Ohio Audubon. Congrats to Tom!!
Tom said he ran for this office because he feels strongly that the Board exists to support the Chapters. The Chapters engage the public. There are 19 Chapters in Ohio.
WCAS is the first Chapter in Ohio to adopt an IBA
Tom stated the Strategy Workshop for RR IBA was well attended and 18 people have signed up for the spin off groups to report back by Sept. 30th to the Board of WCAS.
11. Nancy sent in the WCAS membership to Firelands Lands Conservancy. The RR watershed is there Eastern boundary. Contact info: MPO Box 174, Oberlin, OH 44074, www.firelands@slbcooberlin.net Nancy received a Thank You for your support card from Kate Pilneky, Director of FLC.
12. Mary Anne said that she has not heard back from Friends of Bog Creek. Terri volunteered to contact Terri Greathouse and plan a field trip for the Board.
13. Nancy said that it was no problem to sign up for the Species Survival Network.
Mary Anne said to have confirmed by e-mail.
14. Audubon at Home-Terri said she is close to a final version. In the future she will have the same software as WCAS. Nancy asked if Cats at Home was part of this program. Terri said it was the same funding.
15. The Board reviewed the Goals of WCAS. Results are as follows:
#1 Accepted as written: *To promote the Rocky River Watershed as a natural habitat and IBA by encouraging more members to bird there.*

- #2. Changed to read as follows: *To increase chapter-generated memberships to 100 or more by conducting membership drives and encouraging current members to give gifts of memberships to people in our area .*
#after much discussion changed to read as follows:
To increase member involvement a reasonable rate by providing educational, interesting, fun programs, field trips and other events.
- #4 Accepted as written. *To increase our educational outreach where economically feasible by increasing the number of schools that participates in the Audubon Adventures program for elementary students.*
- #5. Deleted.
16. Alice agreed to have a sign up sheet for hospitality and to place reminder call to those who sign up to bring snack for the monthly meeting.
17. Mary Anne introduced the idea of corporate membership which she sates OOS (Ohio Ornithology Society) has established.
18. Agenda for the Membership Meeting:
19. 1. Welcome to the New Session, programs, Activities, state newsletter Nancy
2. Chapter Membership-33 chapter memberships/ donations
3. Alice will give membership report of attendance etc.
4. Field Trip announcement by leader of the trip-Tom
Tom will also tell the members about his election to the Board of Directors of OAS.
5. Weeders in the Wild=Terri
6. Audubon Adventures= Nancy
20. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.