

WCAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR 3-7-2006

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Nancy Howell.
2. Welcome to all by Nancy who mentioned that spring had sprung with Killdeer, Woodcock, Meadowlarks, Red Shouldered Blackbirds heard. Also, a Red Tail Hawk is nesting behind the YMCA on Smith Road.
3. Minutes from February were read and approved.
4. Tom Romito reported on the IBA Kick off event. He stated that over 200 people attended. Dan Petit of the Cleveland Metroparks is heading up the scientific point counting and Audubon will be the project managers. Training for volunteers will be April 2nd; sign up sheet in the back of the room. He said that you don't need to be an expert birder. However training is necessary to develop specific abilities.
5. The "Lady of Issues"-Terri Martincic announced that the Endangered Species Act was introduced into the Senate this month. It has passed the House. Sen. Voinovich is on the committee that could kill it by not voting at all. Kit Birch read and shared with members her letter to and info to call Sen. Voinovich.
6. Terri announced that Weeders in the Wild is Back! Dates are on the website. March 11th pulling Garlic Mustard at Brookside
March 25th from Willow Bend Picnic area to Lagoon of RRR.
7. Terri introduced the bird of the month-Rose Breasted Grosbeak. Thanks Terri!
8. Mary Anne Romito shared the website updates including Take Action, field trips photos and reports, Education Events, Weeder's in the Wild and Meeting and Board meeting minutes.
9. Nancy Howell thanked Dave and Jane for their help with the Science Olympiad. A nice attendance and good event were reported.
10. Field trip for March 19th with Terri Martincic leading at the Lewis Road Riding Rink for early spring migrants and possible Red Tail Hawk
Jennie Brumfield will lead a walk at West Creek tomorrow at 8:30 am. Meet at Ridgewood Rd.
11. Nancy introduced two Natural History Museum attendees:
Dr. Andy Jones-new NHM Ornithologist and Dave Krista
12. Nancy stated that the speaker next month will be Barbara Natterer on the Mysterious World of Spiders.
13. Nancy introduced Aaron Boone who presented "Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II in partnership with OSU and ODNR. An Atlas by definition is a grid based survey to document the status and distribution of breeding bird species in an area. It usually covers a whole state in the US.

Respectfully submitted,
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