

## WCAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 4-4-06

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Howell at 7:35 pm

Minutes were read by Claudia Anders and approved, with typo corrected.

1. Tom Romito announced about the purpose of the IBA project which was to monitor breeding birds to give information regarding land use. March 5<sup>th</sup> Kick off-70 person signed up for training. Of those 50 attended the April 2<sup>nd</sup> day long event. Tom explained what point counters do. Question from the floor –What would happen to data? Tom responded that it would show trends over 5-10 years and provided general defensible conclusions.
2. Terri Martincic presented the bird of the month-the Scarlet Tanager. Weeders in the Wild dates in June at Sandy Ridge-need muck boots Weakened Endangered Species Bill in the Senate has been put back to committee. Sen. Voinovich could kill it by not voting. It was recommended that we contact Sen. Voinovich to keep the Act strong. Kit Birch reminded everyone that the Eagles are back because of the Endangered Species Act.
3. Tom informed the membership about the actions of the Cleveland Metropark Commissioners who accepted a large donation to specifically build soccer fields in Hinckley Reservation.
4. Nancy Howell announced that in May would be the elections for officers of WCAS. Currently the positions of Vice President and Recording Secretary are open for nominations. Present nominations are: Tom Romito for President and Nancy Howell for Treasurer.
5. Nancy announced field trips for 4-16-the first spring Audubon walk led by Bill Deininger at the RRNC. May 7<sup>th</sup> trip to Canal Way, 7:30, Tim Krynak leading. June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have a bring your own meal, plant exchange at the South Mastick Picnic area at 6 pm  
More info on the WCAS website.  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the speaker will be Nicole Cavender on Native Plants-Ecological Landscaping.
6. Nancy Howell introduced the speaker for tonight: Barbara Natterer on the Mysterious World of Spiders

Meeting adjourned at 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Anders