

## WCAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES FOR 5-02-06

1. Nancy Howell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Approximately 30 people were present.
2. Tom gave an update on our Rocky River Important Bird Area project for the benefit of those who had not heard of it before.
3. Terri gave a presentation on the “Bird of the Month” which is the Yellow-throated Vireo using slides, sound and an actual stuffed specimen.
4. Tom led a brief talk about what it means to be a WCAS board member, with all board members present explaining what they do, and how much they enjoy being with this group.
5. Tom explained that we needed to vote on next years slate of board officers and directors:
  - President: Tom Romito
  - Vice President: Vacant
  - Secretary/Recorder: Vacant
  - Treasurer: Nancy Howell
  - Directors at Large: Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Terri Martincic, Mary Anne Romito, Pat Poole.

Tom asked for motions to fill our vacancies from members present; there were none. He then asked for a motion to accept the current slate of officers listed above. Nancy Howell moved to accept the slate, and Carol Wilson seconded the motion.

6. Nancy introduced our presenter for the night, Dr. Nicole Cavender, Director of Restoration Ecology at The Wilds. Her program was entitled “Ecological Landscaping: Incorporating Native Plants and Ecological Principles Into Your Landscape.” Nicole gave us some great examples via slides and narrative on what can be done to naturalize our own suburban yards to attract birds and butterflies while improving the soil conditions and limiting the need for pesticides and frequent watering. She also gave us an interesting look at land restoration techniques she is using on reclaimed mining land at The Wilds.