

MINUTES OF THE WCAS MARCH MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society was held at the Rocky River Nature Center on March 1, 2005. President Tom Romito conducted the meeting. Ten people, including two guests, attended.

1. Tom started the meeting by recognizing and welcoming all guests present. Tom asked the guests to complete a questionnaire that solicits feedback about the meeting their interests.
2. In the absence of Kit Birch, Recording Secretary, Tom read the minutes to the February membership meeting.
3. Tom announced the vacancies on the WCAS board for the election in May. He explained the importance of filling all of them, especially the position of president, because the organization needs someone to conduct meetings and coordinate with other organizations.
4. Terri displayed a tool called the Weed Wrench, which she will use during Weeders in the Wild projects this year. The chapter board purchased the tool with organizational funds.
5. Tom announced the upcoming Wing Watch Weekend in Oak Harbor, Ohio on April 8-11.
6. Tom announced that the National Audubon Society sent him some material on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which he displayed on the back table. Tom conducted a discussion on the importance of sending letters to our legislators asking them to vote against including a provision in a bill for drilling for oil in the refuge.
7. Program Chair Nancy Howell introduced guest speaker Dave Kriska, who gave a presentation on the Ruby-throated Hummingbird.
8. At the conclusion of the meeting, Tom showed a DVD on caribou in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. It was a full-length movie, and it ran for about 30 minutes until everyone departed for the evening.