

MINUTES OF THE WCAS MAY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society was held at the Rocky River Nature Center on May 3, 2005. President Tom Romito conducted the meeting. Approximately 28 people were in attendance.

1. Tom opened the meeting with a welcome to all visitors, especially Marnie Urso, Grassroots Coordinator for Audubon Ohio.
2. Kit read the minutes from the April meeting.
3. Tom displayed the chart with the slate of officers and directors to and asked if any member would like to nominate anyone else to the slate. No one did. Tom asked for a display of hands to show support for the slate, and then for show against. There were no negative votes so the slate passed unanimously. It is as follows for the 2005-2006:

Treasurer	Nancy Howell
Recording Secretary	Claudia Anders
Newsletter Editor	Kit Birch
Membership Chair	Alice Mitchell
Conservation Chair	Terri Martincic
Program Chair	Nancy Howell
Webmaster	Mary Anne Romito
Field Trip Chair	Mary Anne Romito and Terri Martincic
Education Chair	Paula Lozano and Nancy Howell
Legislative Advocate	Kit Birch
Directors at Large	Liz Clingman and Tom Romito

Since no one has volunteered to be president or vice president, chairing the meeting will rotate from month to month among the board members.

4. Tom reminded members that the Akron Audubon picnic is on June 28 at Bath Nature Preserve and WCAS has been invited to this. Our own end of year picnic will be on June 7 at South Mastic Picnic Area at 6:00 p.m.
5. Terri told us that the Weeders in the Wild group had a good turn-out for the Rocky River Nature Center garlic mustard pull in conjunction with the Metropark's volunteers. She reminded us that the next pull is on May 28 at Sandy Ridge Reservation.
6. Marni Urso informed us that there is new legislation harmful to wetlands and rivers which has passed the House of Representatives as part of the budget, House Bill 66, and is now in the Senate. She urged members to write to their representatives on this matter as it definitely will impact birds and other wildlife. Claudia passed out information and sample letters pertaining to this subject, and it is hoped members will write to their legislators and help delete this amendment from the Senate version of the budget.