

WCAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 11-1-2005

1. Welcome to all by Tom Romito.
2. Tom thanked the volunteers who have provided refreshments.
3. October Minutes were read and accepted.
4. Nancy Howell and Mary Anne Romito presented information about the Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 31st and the need for more help for several areas... She said that areas in our circle needed covered as well as backyard bird counts. The group list will be made after the Chili dinner at 1:00 pm at the RRNC. We are ending a little early due to the fact that it is New Year's Eve.
5. Kit Birch announced that the Bulletin Board was available for relevant postings.
6. Nancy stated that the Dec. 6th meeting will begin early (6:30) with a potluck. Ham and Turkey will be available. Please bring appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts.
Bring friends and family, but please let Mary Anne know how many people are coming so that the meat can be purchased.
The program will be a great video on Invasive Species!!
NEW—Silent Auction of new or gently used items to raise money for WCAS.
Dave said that he has seen Artwork of a Nature theme sell well.
7. Terri Martinocic announced that the Nov. Field Trip to Perry Park will be led by John Pogancik on Sunday, November 20, 2005 at 8 am. (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
8. Mary Ann encouraged the growth of WCAS and the need for more Chapter Supporter Memberships.
9. Tom reported that he has 3 roles in Audubon right now:
 - a. Chapter member and committee member of Adopt the RR IBA coordinator group.
 - b. Vice President of the Ohio Council of Chapters to help the Chapters to be stronger. They are sponsoring a Retreat with a professional facilitator Nov 12-13th at the Mohican Education Center
 - c. State Board of Advisors to State Audubon where he is a member of the communication committee and the conservation committee. The conservation committee is working on developing policy recommendations regarding wind power and the preservation of the Middle Bass Island environment with the ODNR proposal to build a campground on the island.
10. Nancy announced that copies of the newsletter, and information from Cornell Labs were on the back table. Thanks to Mary for bringing us the literature.
11. Nancy introduced our speaker for the evening: Mr. Rogers presenting a visual show of A BIT OF NORTH AMERICA WORLD. Beautiful photos taken by John Rogers covering such topics as the water cycle, migration, habitat and seasons. Thank you Mr. John Rogers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudia Anders

Agenda for November 1, 2005 WCAS Board meeting*

1. Agenda and M.C. (President) for tonight's membership meeting. (See blank form attached. (Board)
2. Membership. How is membership doing? (Nancy)
3. Audubon Adventures school year 2005-2006 (Nancy)
4. Field trip ideas (Terri & Mary Anne) November date change.
5. Report on IBA Subcommittee meeting from liaison (Mary Anne)
6. Update on Friends of Big Creek and Tom Pukelnick (Terri & Nancy)
7. Christmas Bird Count, December Raffle & Potluck. (Nancy & Mary Anne)
8. Letter to Mary Warren regarding request for funding for trip to Costa Rica. (Claudia) *Based on the information in Mary's letter reply to WCAS, the Board decided to not appropriate funds to her at this time.*

9. Letter to Jean Connelly regarding "Westlake & N. Olmsted building a road Bradley Woods " (Terri)
10. Activist article and Fed/State Rep listing for newsletter (Kit). May add to membership agenda too.
11. COAC meeting at Mohican. Is anyone else beside Tom & MA going?
12. Ask Dave to buy Turkey and Ham for Potluck?
13. Do we want to look into selling WCAS pins, etc? (Nancy & Kit). See attached email.

**Secretary arrived too late from work to take minutes.*