

MINUTES OF THE WCAS OCTOBER MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society was held at the Rocky River Nature Center on October 5, 2004. President Tom Romito conducted the meeting.

1. Tom opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone, especially to new guests whom he had introduce themselves. Guests were given decorated cups so that members could be helpful to these new visitors. They were also given questionnaires to provide feedback to board members on what they thought of our meeting.
2. Tom presented Passports to eligible members and reiterated that they are our passports to learning, fun and adventure as well as great prizes at the end of the year for those who earn points through participation.
3. Mary Anne was on NPR radio today talking about the coming weekend's celebration of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's recent designation as an Important Birding Area. The Audubon Society gives this title to places that people nominate due to their excellent habitat for birds. There will be a "big sit" at Ira Road trail head and boardwalk area where WCAS members will sit in groups to count birds and talk to interested passers-by.
4. Kit read the minutes for the September meeting. She also encouraged all present to view her shade grown coffee display in the back of the room and enjoy a freshly brewed sample. You can pick up order forms here or purchase shade grown coffee at local stores, including the RRNC Earthwords store.
5. Nancy Howell encouraged people to look at our current program and field trip schedule in back of room. She then proceeded to put on a very informative presentation on the hobby of bee keeping. With real bee keeper materials and props, we were treated to a unique look into the lives of bees and how people manage them. Especially appreciated was the samples of honey given out—great stuff! WCAS owes Nancy a big thank you for stepping in to replace the scheduled speaker who cancelled. We didn't miss those tarantulas one bit!