

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2011
6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites, Berea, OH

Present: Gayle Albers, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito

1. Finances: \$11,530.75 in the treasury. Memberships are coming in. Next major expenses: Annual Appeal letter, Trifold folder, IBA report, Bird checklist
2. Draft trifold revision: Change wording of "corporate rate" to corporate/institutional. Map should show outline of Rocky River Important Bird Area (RRIBA), as well as showing communities and major highways. Gayle will ask assistance from Metroparks cartographer.
3. Liz attended the Metroparks board meeting Thursday, August 11. Mountain bike trails were not on the agenda, but public came to discuss and comment on plans for trails in wooded areas near Royalview, among others. Board and director seem to be more oriented toward recreation more than toward preserving the wildness. Sierra Club spoke against mountain bike activity. James Ewinger reported on this in the Plain Dealer:
http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/08/increased_mountain_bike_use_in.html
4. IBA final report: Would like to add some "pull-out" boxes and graphics to summarize and illuminate the scientific findings of the 5-year Forest-breeding bird survey in the RRIBA. Nancy is still waiting for some sections, then she will combine and edit. Nancy will consult with Scott Rush if she has questions on his analysis of the study.
5. Deer eating bird eggs: Nidia Arguedas provided a bibliography
6. Olmsted Falls Heritage days walk: Tom and Mary Anne will lead the walk. Meet at Olmsted Falls East River Park. Walk will cover Chestnut Grove Cemeteries.
7. Annual Appeal letter: May put it together early then mail out at the end of November. Nancy will send out last year's letter so that we may revise it.
8. Vote for the Cleveland Metroparks: Coca-Cola will award money to some of the favorite parks.
<http://livepositively.com/#/americasparks/vote>
9. Upcoming events: For "Dike 14" Tom has invited several bird walk leaders. He will pass names of any other volunteers to

Amy from Soil and Water. For Green Earth Jamboree at CMNH, Greater Cleveland Audubon is organizing. Penny will ask for volunteers to staff a table for WCAS. It is September 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. <http://www.clevelandaudubon.org/>

10. Lorain impoundment: Jen Brumfield posted a message on Ohio Birds, requesting an initiative to preserve it as a wild area. Liz will check with Jen about meeting of Black River Audubon and Lorain Metroparks. Black River mouth and Lorain Impoundment is an Important Bird Area.
11. Next meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites in Berea, OH.