

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2011
at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito

1. Finances: Tom reported \$11,747. in the treasury. The silent auction netted \$144. The annual appeal has grossed \$1,090 so far. Mary Anne reported that there is an additional check for \$100. Cost of annual appeal mailing was \$898.

2. Elephant Crossing: Annual Appeal donors of \$100. or more get a tour of the Zoo's new elephant exhibit. There are at two so far. Gayle will check on how donors can arrange for their tours. Gayle will offer a tour of the new nest boxes at the same time.

3. Celebrate Urban Birds grant: Deadline passed.

4. WCAS trifold: Jen Brumfield is still working on it.

5. Newsletter: Next will be for Feb-Mar-Apr 2012. Deadline is December 30. Will need articles on Weeders in the Wild (need to contact Terri Martincic), Christmas Bird Count (Nancy Howell), Great Backyard Bird Count day at Dike 14, Carbon offset bird project (Penny), Ultrawalk and Ultrabird, Buzzard Sunday, North Coast Nature Festival. Tom will contact Kurt Miske about being editor.

6. IBA final report: Still waiting for some chapters. Tom will contact Stan about his section on the Ultrawalk.

7. Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair: Date for judging is Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at Cleveland State University. Board agreed to award two \$50. checks plus a number of certificates. Judges will be Penny, Gayle and will ask others.

8. Bird Trail at the Zoo: Gayle reported that the volunteers who monitored the boxes had some suggestions, and repaired some boxes. May add a nestbox camera. Sustainability intern from Baldwin-Wallace did some data entry for the project. Results will go to Cornell Nestwatch.

9. Gayle reported on fracking. LEAP has had some meetings. A Goal is to share policies that states or localities may compare and adopt. Concern is about impact on air and water quality. Each pad has a 30-acre impact.

10. Tom reported the Kirtland Bird Club has an upcoming program on Responsible Wind Energy. The speaker is Mark Shieldcastle. WCAS will put it in the next e-blast.

11. Next meeting: Monday, January 9, 2012.