

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting Monday, February 20, 2012 6 p.m.
at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Scott Rush, Stan Searles, Barry Wolfe

1. Finances: \$13,984.09 in the treasury.
2. Selling wildlife diversity stamps: The stamps support conservation for non-game species in Ohio. Buy at least 25 for \$13 each, sell them for \$15 each. Board voted to buy 25 to sell at meetings, field trips and other events.
3. QR codes for marketing. Readable by cellphones. Kurt Miske will create some as needed for WCAS literature. There are free sites to do this.
4. Bird Quiz Buzzer board: Audubon has plans for building this. Local bird quiz would be useful at events. Kurt Miske will help. Gayle will inquire whether there is an Eagle Scout who would like to do this as a project. Will also ask for volunteers at next program meeting
5. New trifold: Due soon. Cost is \$405 for 800 copies.
6. Detroit Shoreway meeting: Tom did not hear back about the next step. He did attend a meeting of Friends of Edgewater Park. Tom will help with strategic planning for that group.
7. WCAS will sponsor the film: People of a Feather. Showings are 3/27 at 6:45 p.m. and 3/28 at 4:05 p.m. WCAS has 12 tickets to the film festival.
8. Kiwanis talk 4/14/12: Stan, Tom and Scott will make a presentation.
9. Timing of board meetings before programs at RRNC. Board will move the board meeting time to 6:30 in order to have more time to interact with speakers and attendees.
10. Volunteers for upcoming events: Buzzard Sunday 3/18, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., will send an e-blast asking volunteers to contact Liz Clingman. Liz will bring a table, Tom and Nancy may be part of the group. Also will need bird walk leaders at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Dike 14) for the Sunday May 19 open house. Teacher open house will be Friday, April 20, need volunteers.
11. Ultra bird/walk: Ultrabird Thursday, Friday, Saturday May 24-26. Ultrawalk Saturday May 26. May field trip will be the Ultrabird. Participants will be able to bird Thursday in Hinckley, Friday in Mill Stream, and Saturday in Rocky River Reservation of the Rocky River Valley. Start times will be 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. each day. Need Ultrawalk volunteers to bring and place the banners and for Park Ops

and Marina. The Ultrawalk will start at 6 a.m. at Buzzard's Roost on Saturday, for 31-milers. Five-milers will start at Park Ops, opposite Big Met Golf Course at about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. End point will be Emerald Necklace Marina. Forms for pledges are on WCAS website, and available at meetings.

12. Important Bird Area five-year survey final report: Nancy Howell will edit. Still needs one more article.

13. Summer bird surveys: Scott will check with Terry Robison on how many points, and what points. There are about 40. Will study impact of Emerald Ash borer on bird populations. Nancy noted that any cavity nester would be affected, not just woodpeckers.

14. Next newsletter: Extra-large section on field trips, due to Ultrabird three-day 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. start times. There will be Weeders-in-the-Wild events, Terri Martincic has dates and places. Stan will write about the Ultrawalk and Ultrabird. Deadline is April 1, 2012

15. Elephant Crossing tour for WCAS \$100. donors: Gayle will manage the tour as Stan has retired from the Zoo. Stan has contacted all of the donors. Nancy has contact information for all of them.

16. Opening event for Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (a.k.a. Dike 14) Tom Romito represented Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.

17. Next board meeting: Monday, March 19, 2012, 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio.