

## **WCAS Board Minutes for February 21, 2011**

The meeting took place at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio. Members present were: Mary Anne Romito, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Tom Romito, Stan Searles, Kit Birch.

1. Finances: Nancy reported that we now have \$9259 in our account. Another \$2583 is expected soon from National Audubon Chapter Services.

2. Rock Pile Garden Center revenue-making idea: We all agreed this is an easy fundraiser for us. We inform everyone interested in helping WCAS fund raise that when they shop at the Rock Pile Garden Center in Avon, if they mention they are from WCAS, Rock Pile will send WCAS 5% of their total purchase.

We agreed that we can announce this at monthly meetings, put the information in our newsletter, etc.

3. Arctic Teaching Packet: Nancy showed us the packet of materials she requested from Audubon containing educational materials on the Arctic National Wildlife Area. There are many migratory birds affected by what happens to this area, and therefore Audubon is trying to educate the public about why it needs to be protected from oil and gas drilling. We agreed we might be able to use this information at one of our monthly meetings in the fall.

4. Buzzard Day and North Coast Nature Festival: Liz said she would bring the materials needed for this March 20 event. Nancy volunteered to work in the afternoon. We will try to recruit more people at our March program meeting. Joanne and Terry Gorges and Kit Birch will work the North Coast Nature Festival in April. We will also try to get other volunteers for this at our program meetings.

5. Bird Trail Update: Tom stated that he has not received an example of the materials donor request letter from Rick Ryan yet. He will contact him about this.

6. IBA Final Report: A compilation of all WCAS has done for the Rocky River IBA in the last 5 years.

General Report: This will include an introduction, background history, description of actual survey process, citizen science/volunteers, the public's response, and the future direction of this project. This will be done by board members and other volunteers.

Technical Paper or Report: Scott Rush has volunteered to compile and edit all our survey data into an understandable, meaningful form.

7. We will be fund-raising to publish the Annual Report and for WCAS chapter operating expenses.

8. Our next board meeting will be on March 28 at 6:00 pm at Sandwich Delites in Berea.