

**Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012 6 p.m.
Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio**

Present: Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles

1. Finances: \$11, 929.97 in the treasury. Annual Appeal has netted \$621.47 so far. Will have some additional expenses, such as mailing coffee to donors. Stan Searles will contact donors of \$100. about the Elephant Crossing tour.
2. Newsletter: New editor is Kurt Miske. We reviewed the first draft.
3. Christmas Bird Count: Nancy reported 67 species plus two more count week. Fifty-plus birders. May have some more lists coming in.
4. Ecovillage project: Detroit-Shoreway inquired about working with Western Cuyahoga Audubon on a Together Green grant. Tom will ask what they have in mind, what is the status.
5. Cleveland International Film Festival: Tom, Mary Anne and Nancy will attend the film preview and matchup. Stan will attend the festival to represent WCAS. Sponsors have one minute following the film to address the audience.
6. Ultrawalk/Ultrabird preparations: The Ultrawalk and Ultrabird will raise funds for the IBA report, and to publicize the Rocky River Important Bird Area. Ultrabird Thurs-Sat May 24-26, Ultrawalk May 26, Buzzard's Roost to Emerald Necklace Marina. Need volunteers to check in 5-mile walkers at Park-ops and to welcome walkers at the finish. Will put a notice in the newsletter.
7. Tri-fold brochure: Tom Romito will check with Jen Brumfield.
8. School Days at Edgewater: Date is May 23. In the past WCAS has had a display on bird ID and on wetlands. Need new volunteers if we want to take part. Will ask the members if there is an interest.
9. Assistance for boxing and mailing coffee: Annual appeal donors of \$50 or more will receive shade-grown coffee. Penny will pick up coffee from Nancy and mail out with letters. Kit is still doing the coffee sales. Next shipment coming to Tom as he will need coffee for Rocky River Watershed Council.
10. Great Backyard Bird Count at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (a.k.a. Dike 14) on Sunday, February 19, 1-4 pm. Will publicize in the newsletter.
11. IBA report: Various board members have submitted chapters. Nancy will edit. Still need article honoring volunteerism on this project.

12. Lead ammunition petition: WCAS signed on, after questioning military and law enforcement exclusion.

13. Kiwanis Club speaking invitation: Tom, Stan Searles and Scott Rush have an invite to speak to Parma Heights group at a breakfast meeting on January 25, 2012 at 7:30 a.m. It will be at Greenbrier Retirement Community.

14. Other items: Tom will bring Bird feeding folders to meetings. Will be asking a donation. Will ask for Science Fair volunteers at next meeting. Mary Anne asked Board members to look at the WCAS website and let her know if anything needs to be updated.

15. Next meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio.