

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting Monday, July 16, 2012, 6 p.m.
Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles, Diane Sigler

1. Final report Forest Breeding Bird Study - First hour of the meeting was dedicated to brainstorming, editing and updating graphic designer Franke Chung's mock-up.

Cover: Would like green instead of yellow for the background graphic. Please add WCAS logo and web address. We like the wing and the hand symbol, very nice: add the words "Connecting people with nature" For the photos, please use a forest-breeding bird instead of the tree sparrow. Possibilities are: Scarlet tanager, black-throated green warbler, hooded warbler, woodpecker. Title should be changed to "Rocky River Important Bird Area, Breeding Bird Survey, Final Report 2012"

Inside Front Cover: Put greeting from the President, and mission statement. Change Tom's photo to one in less military garb.

Page 1: Table of Contents

IBA sign does not need to take up a whole page. Put it in the upper right corner of greetings page. Use Nidia's map of the IBA, instead or along with the sign.

Page 4: Highlights : Change this part of the text to reflect worldwide: "Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are established worldwide. In the United States, IBA's are tracts of land..."

In highlights, add the Dominion Award

Add that IBA data was submitted to E-Bird and to the Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas II

Add that survey data was supplied to Cleveland Metroparks, used to acquire parcels of land

Fundraising and raising awareness: Rewrite to include 7th year of Ultrawalk

Add information on CSU GIS analysis

Public outreach: Talks for Kiwanis 5 years in a row, Stakeholder meetings, presence at community events, science fair awards.

P. 5 Introduction: Update dates, mention wetland surveys, Ornithologist has compiled the date into a professional paper, being submitted to scientific journals.

P. 6 : Timeline -- Representative photo in each block. Merrick sites added, Rising Valley sites added, Wetland sites added 2011 and 2010. In 2010, Cleveland State University Students developed a GIS analysis and made it available on a website., Riverwoods Nature Preserve in Hinckley surveyed by WCAS in 2008-2009, opened 2010.

P. 7: Development

Pictures -- Should all be forest Breeding Birds

Education and outreach --need pictures if available

Dominion award photo -- Scout photos from Zoo?

Stan will contact Scott Rush for a five-year graph

Diane will edit Scott's section for a more approachable read, Penny will assist.

Scott's graphic possibly replaced by Nidia's map.

Add interpretation for MS 23 image?

Incorporate information about the Vegetation Survey, Interim Report page 17.

Add a financial page: Condensed statement, update page 23 of Interim Report.

Gayle's e-mail:

Leave out Weeders in the Wild, Native Plant Promotion from the final IBA report.

Include the Vegetation survey: Ties in with the bird survey, Include and adapt the pages from the Interim Report.

Add an outreach page: Representative things that we have done over the years.

Kiwanis, Dike 14, Scouts, Science Fair, Hinckley Riverwoods Nature Preserve. "Our mission is much greater than the IBA..." Possibly also in the greetings.

Rewrite deadline is: August 15, 2012, to Gayle Albers.

2. Wind Turbine Survey: Tom Romito had a conference call today July 16, 2012. with 7 local, state and federal officials including USFWS, ODNR, Turbine owner

"Renaissance Group," Fairgrounds, Fair Board. Must have permits to handle the animal carcasses. Conference call participants will help with the procedure for obtaining permits. Tom has received forms for a state permit. Will also need a federal permit. Cuyahoga County must also okay the application. The application fee is waived with county involvement. WCAS will do the state permit first, then federal. Jennifer Norris will do training for the survey.

Gayle Albers has created a summary of the protocols. Survey would be May - October and can include raptors if it goes into November. Gayle suggested that we define a purpose for the study. Is it for an educational purpose, or possibly for research. How rigorous?

3. **Ohio Ornithological Society:** OOS wonders if we want to partner and announce our Carbon Offset project at the OOS Conference. Jen Sauter offered us to announce and publicize and partner. Penny will take materials and possibly speak briefly at OOS.

4. **Newsletter:** Kurt is finishing the August-November 2012 issue. More material needed. Board members have sent some ideas and material by e-mail. Need to have the newsletter in the mail by the end of July.

5. **Next meeting:** Monday, August 20, 2012, 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites in Berea.