

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2011
6 p.m. Sandwich Delites, Berea, OH

Present: Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Scott Rush, Stan Searles

1. Finances: Nancy reported that the treasury has \$10,760.75. Online banking is set up at PNC bank. Mary Anne will set up a WCAS credit card.
2. Bird Surveys in relation to dying ash trees: Terry Robison has asked if WCAS would like to do bird surveys for next year. Ash trees are dying. Will try to relate this to woodpecker populations. Scott indicated that all 62 points may not be needed. Would need some historically with ash trees and some without. May need to re-flag points.
3. National Audubon Strategic planning update: Tom indicated it will be a summary. Webex. Tomorrow night.
4. Discussion on final IBA report. Some sections are in, some are not. Nancy will put together a draft. She absolutely needs the chapters by August 1. Kit indicated difficulty selecting and reviewing pictures. How will we decide what pictures? Scott: Have done a suite of analyses, species diversity, evenness, forest cover. Edges between forest and field are significant, and have the most diversity. Most of our sites are near edges. Can study how diversity relates to canopy cover. Adding in deer densities. Historically the densities were higher than now, but the impact is still there. There are 11 species with more than 20 detections per survey year.
5. Olmsted Falls bird/nature walk will be August 20 at a.m. Start at Oak Grove Cemetery. Parking is across the street. Tom and Mary Anne will lead.
6. Will reprint bird checklists. Need to locate the originals.
7. Nancy is working on programs. May line up one on fracking.
8. Tom would like to update the tri-fold brochure.
9. Newsletter will be out soon. This issue goes to all National Audubon members in our area. Deadline for the next newsletter is October 1. It will cover November, December and January.
10. The next meeting is Monday August 15. Bring literature, newsletters, etc. for upcoming field trips and events.