

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 16, 2014
at Panera on Tiedeman at I-480

Present: Kit Birch, Liz Clingman, Nora Ebie, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Stan Searles

1. Finances: Nancy Howell reported \$24,002.54 in the treasury. She distributed a summary of income and expenses for the past month. Nora will investigate donations through purchases at amazon.com

2. Updates:

a) Friends of Magee Marsh - Nancy shared a thank-you for the WCAS donation.

b) Field Trips - Penny reported visits to sites for July and August field trips.

WCAS received a request from Ken Gober to sponsor the monthly bird walks at Rocky River Nature Center, led by Ken Gober, Bill Deininger and Dave Graskemper. Rocky River Nature Center is in the Rocky River Important Bird Area. The walks will be held on the second Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. The board voted yes unanimously. WCAS will publicize the walks in the newsletter, on the website, in Facebook and through eBlasts. WCAS will provide bird lists.

Christmas Bird Count will be on Sunday, December 28, 2014.

c) Programs: Nancy reported that she has e-mails out and topics in the works for 2014-2015. Ideas welcome.

d) Events

Dike 14 -Nora Ebie reported that she submitted the grant request in person for KBC, ASGC and WCAS bird surveys at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Dike 14). Decision is expected by June 30.

ABC and LEEDCo speakers for October 19 event: Stan suggested that the title be "Symposium on Wind Energy and Wildlife" Mike Hutchins from American Bird Conservancy has agreed to speak. Stan is pursuing additional speakers. Board suggested that CSU and Case be invited to display some technologies, or to speak. This will be a Sunday afternoon, 2-4.

WCAS project ideas, followup from the May meeting: Nora Ebie reported that she submitted the grant request in person for KBC, ASGC and WCAS bird surveys at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve (Dike 14). Nancy Howell reported that Stearns Farm in Parma is hosting a community garden, but still has wooded areas. Stan Searles reported that the Walton School grant application will be decided at the end of July.

e) Newsletter - Kurt Miske has started working on the August-November 2014 newsletter. This newsletter will go to all national Audubon members in WCAS area. Nancy reported revision of the membership insert. Newsletter will include: Field trips, Monthly Morning with the Birds, "Save the Date" for Christmas Bird Count, Wind energy symposium (October 19), Information on Shade-Grown Coffee, Carbon Offset, Photo contest.

f) Photo Contest: Nora distributed the Photo Contest announcement/Rules. Asked Board approval. All approved.

3. New Business

a) Bill Thompson III: Will come to Cleveland to speak on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, evening at Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Kirtland Bird Club is organizing this and would like it as a joint program with Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland and WCAS. WCAS would like more exploration of costs and logistics, i.e. Speaker fee, lodging and transportation, meals, get-together with Bill prior to talk. WCAS will still offer the regular "first Tuesday" program at Rocky River Nature Center on April 7.

b) Name Tags: Board will wear name tags and welcome new attendees at meetings. Will continue to give name tags to new members. No raffle to be offered at this time.

c) Nora requested funds to buy a book, "Mobile for Good" by Heather Mansfield, about e-marketing for nonprofits. Cost is \$22.26. Board voted yes.

4. Next meeting: Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. at Panera Bread on Tiedeman Road at I-480