

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board minutes
Monday, June 20, 2011

Present: Gayle Albers, Suzanne Aldrich, Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles

1. Finances: Nancy Howell reported \$12,184.21 in the treasury. Pledge money for Ultrawalk/Ultrabird is still coming in. So far we have received 1,014.
2. Audubon Adventures: There are kits for classrooms (up to 32 students), and kits for media centers or home-schoolers. Four issues per year. WCAS will donate up to \$500 this year to put Audubon Adventures in classrooms
3. Programs for 2011-2012: Nancy is working on these. Need a program for October.
4. Next newsletter: Empty spaces. Deadline July 1. Mary Anne Romito asked Gayle Albers for an article on the bird trail at the zoo. May add an item on Dave LeGallee. Penny O'Connor is working on field trip information for fall.
5. Bird Walk on August 20 for Olmsted Falls home days. WCAS will meet with Olmsted Falls folks on Weds, June 29 at 6 p.m., in the Boardwalk area of Grand Pacific Junction (by the Gazebo and train)
6. Letters to Ultrawalk/Ultrabird donors: Agreed that donors should be acknowledged.
7. Midwest Birding Symposium: WCAS will not go as a group
8. LENS: Would like to collaborate on field trips. WCAS will write to say that field trips are open to all and that LENS may list or link. Will schedule 1-2 joint events.
9. Bird Survey at Zoo and Brookside:
Gayle Albers reported that all of the boxes are installed, except for the tallest ones which will require a concrete base. All boxes are built. The Eagle Scout has completed his project, but has offered to come back to help with the remaining taller installations. Two zoo volunteers are monitoring the boxes. Gayle is creating a map for visitors. Stan

Searles reported that the Free Flight Falls area may be reactivated. Avian flu shut it down for a time. Zoo is investigating ways to keep the feeders and boxes from being overrun by house sparrows.

10. PNC online banking and credit card: Mary Anne explained the program: no fee, and treasurer could have access to the account. Credit card would be useful for some WCAS business, such as ordering shade-grown coffee for the chapter. Board okayed.

11. Bird Friendly Chocolate: Would like to order some, possibly make available at Christmas time.

12. Lake-to-Lake wetland bird survey has two new monitors: Tim Colborn and Bill Deininger. They will work with Liz Clingman and Nancy Howell. A Sora was present at one site. Mary Anne Romito will help out.

13. Phone calls to members: Not all done. Penny will help out.

14. Next Meeting: Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6 p.m. Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio