

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Minutes
Monday, March 28, 2011 6 p.m.
Sandwich Delites, Berea, OH

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

1. Finances: Nancy reported that the treasury has \$8,635.60. Audubon dues share not yet received.
2. Thanks and overview of events:
 - a. NEOSEF, science fair: Dave LeGallee and Penny O'Connor attended as judges. Awards went to three students.
 - b. Science Olympiad: Dave LeGallee, Jan Holkenborg, and Nancy Howell represented WCAS
 - c. Cleveland International Film Festival: Gayle Albers and Tom Romito will attend the Wednesday screening of *Feathered Cocaine*, sponsored by WCAS. Kit and Dennis Birch and Stan Searles will attend the Friday screening. Tom and Stan will have a chance to speak to the audience.
 - d. School Days at Edgewater Park May 25. Dave LeGallee has volunteered.
 - e. North Coast Nature Festival: WCAS will have a table at this April 16 event at Rocky River Nature Center. Joanne and Terry Gorges, Kit Birch, June Cangey, and Suzanne Sawyer will cover the WCAS table.
 - f. NASA Earth Day April 14. Penny O'Connor and Diane Sigler will represent WCAS.
3. Planning for IBA final report: Board will split up the writing. Nancy Howell will be the editor. Deadline is July 15. Kit will update the Development section. Liz will do the section on Volunteers and citizen action. Stan will write on the Ultrawalk, Tom will write up the stakeholder meetings, Gayle will write on Dominion environmental awards, Penny will write on land surveys and acquisitions, such as DB Midwest and Seneca. Scott will prepare a scientific analysis.
4. Restructuring the board: Tom asked the board to consider establishing committees to cover WCAS essential functions and leadership. Newsletter will carry an article asking for member participation.
5. Set dates to meet and designate locations for Eagle Scout project of 50 nest boxes at the Zoo. Will set locations Monday April 4 at 1 p.m. Date to install the first boxes is April 12 at 5:30 p.m. Scouts will come. To monitor the boxes, Gayle will employ Nestwatch/Cornell online system. Will contact Brooklyn Centre Naturalists.
6. Newsletter: Will need write-ups on the Ultrawalk, and on July Field Trip at NASA Plum Brook, as well as on appeal for member participation. Kit uses Verdana 10 pt. for the newsletter.
7. More volunteers please: For WCAS to take on more major projects, member help is needed in the areas of events, monthly programs, outreach, education, fundraising, environmental stewardship, coordinate volunteers.

8. Wetland Breeding Bird Survey, from Ohio Division of Wildlife. Board reviewed the letter. The sites are not near to our area.
9. Combined Federal Campaign: Tom reported that this netted \$127 in 2009 and \$147 in 2010. Tom takes care of the paperwork for this.
10. Website update, forms for Ultrawalk and Ultrabird. Focus will be on the Walk on Saturday, May 28. Stan reported that the Zoo Crew teens will walk in shifts of 8 miles. Parma City Council President Sean Brennan will walk with Stan.
11. Bird Research: Scott Rush reported that he spoke with a University of Akron ornithologist who may work with Scott on how Emerald Ash Borer may change our local landscapes. How will increased food supply affect woodpecker populations? Will gaps in the canopy improve the understory? Possibly will use exclosures to study some areas.
12. The next meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2011, 6 p.m. at Sandwich Delites.