

## WCAS Board Meeting Minutes

Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6 PM

Location - Panera Bread on Tiedeman Road

Present: Liz Clingman, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito

1. Finances: Nancy Howell prepared a summary for the Board. WCAS has \$22,969.43 in the treasury. In the CLNP IBA fund there is \$2,378.30. Major expenditures this time were for the Walton School Project, the newsletter, and the renewal for the website.
2. Walton School Project: Michelle Manzo took some photos on planting day. Need permission to publish any pictures of children if they are used on the website or in the WCAS newsletter.

Will ask about plans for watering or weeding over the summer, when the school courtyard may be closed.

3. Pay Pal - Nora Ebie wants to set up a PayPal account. Nancy would like to investigate how it might be used. Mary Anne explained how PayPal works. About 2% taken out.
4. Outreach events: Upcoming in September: Conservation Symposium at Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Biodiversity Blitz at West Creek. Will announce ask for volunteers in the newsletter, and by e-blast. WCAS will pay admission and lunch for Conservation Symposium volunteers.  
Riverday: WCAS had 40 attendees at the bird walks, Volunteer leaders were Terry and Joanne Gorges, Nancy Howell, Jen Brumfield, Tom Fishburn and Bill Deininger, Tom Romito coordinated these volunteers.

### 5. Other items"

a) Rockpile Garden sent a check

b) Western Reserve Land Conservancy: Would like WCAS to be a member. One project is Thriving Communities, reforesting our city. Nancy has been trying to make contact through Thriving Communities.

c) Liz Clingman asked the status of the nest boxes that WCAS helped install at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It appears that they are not being maintained or monitored. A potential volunteer has contacted Liz. Liz will investigate.

d) There will be a meeting Wednesday 5/20 to plan another collaboration between ASGC, KBC, WCAS. Nancy would like an event for families. Mary Anne would like to plan a year in advance. Tom would like to know what would draw new members. A sponsor who would get the word out. Sparrow Symposium Gull Symposium made money in donations, sale of books, etc. Fee to attend the event?.

Electronic demos. "Fair" rather than "Symposium" Paid event. Registration would provide contact information for potential new members. Assess interest. Possibly could have an event at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve incorporating events for adults, families and young birders all onsite. Nancy will take these ideas to the meeting.

6. Newsletter deadline is July 1. This issue will go to all National Audubon members in the WCAS service area. -- Field trips, flyer for membership, programs, Thank you to volunteers, including board, "wonderful things we do". Tom Romito will write about the Walton School Project. Upcoming outreach events,
7. Next meeting –Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6 p.m.at Panera I-480 and Tiedeman Rd.