

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board meeting Monday, May 21, 2012
Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Gayle Albers, Liz Clingman, Mark Hofelich, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles, Barry Wolfe

1. Finances: \$13,058.52 in the treasury. Next major expense will be the August-October newsletter, which will go to all 1000-plus National Audubon members in the WCAS service area.

2. Ultrawalk Plans: Liz Clingman will bring tables and Nancy's pop-up tent to Park Ops at 2:30 p.m. Terry and Joanne Gorges and Barry Wolfe will staff. Expect representative from Congressman Kucinich.

3. Ultrabird: Mary Anne will meet birders at 6 a.m. each day. Penny will meet birders at 8 a.m. each day, and also meet Mary Anne at 6 a.m. on Saturday. Hope to beat last year's total species, 91.

4. IBA report: Stan has received a quote from graphic designer who is willing to freelance this project. She would like to know what printer we will use so that she can work with the printer along the way. Interim was done by Lapstrake (formerly Blue Sky). WCAS will budget \$500 for graphic designer.

5. Nestwatch at Zoo, update: Gayle showed a new map of the Zoo's Nest Box trail. There are two chickadee nests. The boxes are monitored weekly. Some boxes have not been used, may need to relocate. Gayle asked if some who had Nestwatch training would work with Zoo Crew students this summer. Daytime schedule is difficult for some who had the training. Tom Romito volunteered.

6. Lake to Lake study by Case students: Liz Clingman and Penny O'Connor attended presentations by 10 CWRU Quantitative Biology students, on April 25, 2012. They used water data from Cleveland Metroparks to explore the possibilities and implications of restoring Lake Abram to its original larger size, and also to put in a lake in the Fowles wetland. The presentations were videos, no paper handouts of charts. This is still in a research stage, not a firm plan.

7. Newsletter: Next deadline is July 1. This newsletter for August, September and October will go to all 1000-plus national Audubon members in the WCAS service area.

8. Picnic 6 p.m. Tuesday June 6 at Cottonwood Picnic Area: Barry Wolfe will arrive early to start some charcoal, a 20 lb. bag. Bring your own dinner, and plants for the plant exchange. Plan to adopt plants!

9. Fish Kill in Rocky River: Under EPA investigation for possible illegal chemical dumping.

10. Lake Erie Nature and Science Center: Bird walk Sept 23. Penny will ask for possibly a different program afterward.

11. Next meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6 p.m. Sandwich Delites.