

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society Board Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2015, 6 p.m.
at Panera Bread, I-480 & Tiedeman Rd.

Present: Kurt Miske, Nancy Howell, Tom Romito, Mary Anne Romito,
Kit Birch, Betsey Merkel

1. Finances: Nancy reported \$19,346.75 in the treasury.
2. Betsey gave a presentation on what she has done, and is going to do, in creating a new web site for WCAS. The new logo was also presented which Betsey will send to members of the board in emails.
3. Mary Anne passed out copies of Form 990 IRS which she had completed and filed. No one had any corrections, questions or additions.
4. Tom passed out copies of the NAS annual report and it was decided that the board will hold a special meeting on 11/30/15 to complete it.
5. Tom announced that he submitted a Collaborative Funding grant request to Audubon National, and he received \$3500 toward WCAS's new web site project.
6. Tom shared that there will be a "Think and Drink with the Extinct" event at CMNH on 12/16 at 6:00 p.m. Andy Jones will be involved.
7. Lynn Tennefoss has offered to talk to the WCAS board on ways to find a president. We may do this via a conference call.
8. Kit passed out details of Audubon shade grown coffee costs, discounts, and profits from its sale. She suggested that we lower the price of small bags from \$10 to \$9 to encourage more sales. It was agreed that she will do this for current stock on hand.
9. Mary Anne asked why the board had questions about web site reimbursement during its October meeting. It was suggested that the board be shown invoices on whatever expenses are involved.

See Page 2 for addendum to item #9 and also a new addition #10 by Tom.

The following addendum to Item # 9 was submitted by Mary Anne via email on 11/18/15.

Mary Anne asked what questions the board had in regards to the submission of reimbursement for expenses for the website.

During the June meeting Mary Anne brought up that the website still needs to be updated. The board agreed. Although Nora stated in March that she would work on the new website, the only communication that we received from her was an email saying that Go-Daddy had caused some problems. The new site seemed to be shut down. Mary Anne could no longer access the new site through the link that Nora gave us.

Mary Anne stated she would get the website updated. Nancy and the board said if she needed to spend some money to get that done, OK. Mary Anne mentioned that she knew someone who worked on websites and she'd contact her.

So Mary Anne contacted Betsey. She and Betsey had several meetings to discuss the complexity of the website and discuss what could be done with it. Mary Anne paid Betsey \$600 for her time. Betsey put together a proposal for the website internet project.

Mary Anne presented this proposal to the board at the July meeting. The board approved the proposal.

The time Betsey put into the discussions with Mary Anne was included in her proposal for the project. An invoice for these services and the monthly services since the July meeting was sent to Nancy. The services from July to present have been paid to Betsey. The amount Mary Anne paid to Betsey is still waiting board approval.

10. Plans for a joint program with WCAS, KBC, and ASGC were discussed. Nancy noted that the planning has come to a standstill because the committee can't decide what it wants to do. KBC had their board meeting the day after WCAS's board meeting, Nov. 17. KBC's board decided to spearhead a climate change symposium in November, 2016 at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. KBC is gathering people to be on the planning committee. They will be inviting WCAS and ASGC to take part.