

Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society
Board Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2013 6 p.m.
at Sandwich Delites, Berea, Ohio

Present: Kit Birch, Nancy Brewer, Liz Clingman, Nora Ebie, Tom Fishburn, Don Howell, Nancy Howell, Kurt Miske, Penny O'Connor, Mary Anne Romito, Tom Romito, Stan Searles

1. The board prepared the Annual Appeal letter for mailing. Thanks to Nancy Brewer, Tom Fishburn and Don Howell who assisted.
2. Finances: Nancy Howell reported \$25,943.34 in the treasury. Deposits last month included Memberships/donations (\$160), Coffee sales (\$40) and Rock Pile fundraising (\$11.26). Deductions included Check to Lapstrake Marketing for the newsletter (\$307.46), November program (\$100) and Coffee purchase (\$128.48)
3. Location for March 2014 Membership Meeting: Nora Ebie and Nancy Howell are working on a venue for the "Lost Bird Project" showing and "friendraiser" with Greater Cleveland Audubon and Kirtland Bird Club.
4. Safron property in Medina: Tom Romito reported that landowner will contact Medina County Park District about preserving the property.
5. Donation of bird feeders: Liz Clingman will pick up the birdfeeding equipment in Medina, and deliver it to Concord Reserve Retirement Center.
6. Christmas Bird Count dinner: Nancy Howell reported that dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center, Sunday December 29, 2013. Christmas Bird Count participants will meet to tally results over a pasta dinner delivered by Frankie's North Olmsted.
7. December meeting, potluck and silent auction: Kit Birch will order table cloths and centerpieces. Mary Anne will send bid sheet file to Penny to copy and bring to the meeting.
8. Annual Appeal update: Tom Romito will mail the letters on Monday, November 25.
9. NEOSEF: The board agreed to award two \$75 prizes at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair in March 2014.

10. Membership in the Earth Day Coalition: Membership brings a discount on a table at EarthFest, plus some other benefits. The board agreed to join for a year and review next year.

11. Continuing discussion on the direction of WCAS: For next time

12. Update on website redesign: Nora showed a preview of the new WCAS website under construction. Nora also showed a preview of the presentation that she and Stan Searles have been working on, to be used in outreach programs.

13. Tom Romito thanked Nora for her work on the Chapter annual report, and for her leadership during the time that he was on vacation

14. Cleveland International Film Festival: Tom Romito reported WCAS has been invited to sponsor a film. Donors of \$1,000 can pick the film, otherwise CIFF assigns a film. There are matchup events January 13, 14 and 27. WCAS will send an e-blast inviting members and friends to volunteer for the matchup and/or to staff a table at the WCAS sponsored film. Stan Searles volunteered to present at one film.

15. Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2013, 6 p.m. .at Sandwich Delites.