

Minutes from September 19, 2011 6PM

Attendance: Nancy Howell, Gayle Albers, Diane Sigler, Kit Birch, Tom Romito, Mary Anne Romito, Liz Clingman

1. Annual appeal letter – need a time table. Letter is ready except for gift for \$100 donors. Tom will talk to Stan about possibility of a “behind the scene tour” at the Zoo. We want to get it out around the middle of November. Mary Anne will make sure we have letters, envelopes, and stamps before they leave on vacation.
2. MWBS Conservation Grant – Liz will send out link and will see if the request can be still submitted since the symposium is over.
3. NAS Mini Grants - \$3,500 available to be split among entries. Nancy will look at and see if can use for IBA report.
4. NASA Glenn Combined Federal Campaign – will not be doing – they are out of space. Tom will notify Kathleen T. not to go.
5. Change in meeting due to deer culling in March – we will still have it at RRNC but will have to enter off Sheppard Lane. Be sure and tell membership at prior meetings as well as on website.
6. Upcoming events and volunteer needs – no new events – ready for Dike 14 and October field trip to West Creek
7. Green Earth Jamboree – went well – volunteers all showed up – around 60 – 70 (rough estimate) people visited the booth.
8. 8 IBA Report – No progress since last meeting – still need reports from Stan and Liz. Diane asked to do the section on protocol. All agreed.
9. Newsletter – due to Kit by October 1st. Lead story – “Citizen Science for 2012” – comprised of several different mini sections a. Christmas bird count (Nancy) b. Interview with Terry R. on re doing the 60 points (Kit) and c. Bird Trail at Zoo (Gayle)
10. Finances - \$11963.97
11. Tax Return – Mary Anne has the info she needs and will be getting it done.
12. PNC credit card – Mary Anne found the application and will submit so that we have it for purchases such as coffee, etc.
13. Coffee – Needs credit card to purchase (on line). Gayle will check into a local supplier and see if it is feasible to use them.
14. Trifold – Tom has proof copy. One suggested change was to explain what the purple on the map is (IBA) and not our only area of interest. Tom will add box around all WCAS logos. He will also try to enlarge the IBA sign so that can read words on bottom half of the sign. Mary Anne will look into what the cost would be for FSC certified paper or partially recycled paper. Discussed how many copies we want to order – several seemed to think we had ordered around 800 last time.
15. Boy Scouts – Rick Ryan requested reimbursement for the wood purchased for the bird boxes (not covered by lumber company or Jay Ryan). The Zoo has agreed to cover this cost. Was approximately \$150.00.
16. Membership – coming in in good order.

17. Programs – all set and on web site. Still needs May write up. Was able to get some one from State to talk in April about Gas drilling
18. Audubon Flyway poster – Mary Anne gave to Kit for the large board
19. Silent Auction – Agreed to have this year. Will announce at upcoming meetings
20. Next meeting – Monday October 17, 2011