

MINUTES FROM THE ROCKY RIVER IBA DEDICATION CEREMONY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 26, 2005

Participants: Nancy Howell (moderator), Mary Anne Romito, Glen Stroud, Sandy Stroud, Mary Jane White

N. Howell handed out the "brainstorm sheet" she had at the August Workshop. Went through list a little more thoroughly.

Reviewed potential dates and days. June 2007 a possibility. Don't want to rush into things without checking with Metroparks. Biggest concern is to have the place for the event and participation from staff through the Cleveland Metroparks.

Action Item: Contact Jane Christyson at Cleveland Metroparks to set up date/time for meeting to share our ideas.

- Include in meeting information about IBA · Information about WCAS history · Will put Rocky River/Hinckley "on the map" as a year-round IBA destination · Birding trail(s) in the Rocky River watershed

Others from Metroparks to be involved - Bob Hinkle, Ken Gober. Metroparks folks will undoubtedly have more to add when contact is made.

Others to be invited to meeting with Metroparks besides our committee, Marne Urso with Audubon Ohio.

When dedication ceremony is set then will invite:

Metroparks head (Vern Hartenburg), Board and others · Audubon Ohio staff (Jerry Tinianow, others?), · Mayors from cities abutting the east branch of the Rocky River (Lakewood, Rocky River, Cleveland, Fairview Park, Berea, Brookpark Middleburg Hts., North Royalton, Strongsville, Hinckley) · Rocky River Watershed Coalition · Others?

During dedication ceremony

- Speeches (keep them short)
- IBA signs
- Fun activities

Discussion about IBA signs. Need to know how many are free?, how many to purchase (need to discuss with Metroparks folks where they might be placed), what is the cost? What type of fund raiser for additional signs?

Fund raising ideas - Big Sit, T-shirt sales

Action item: Contact Aud. OH to find out how many IBA signs are given and how much additional signs cost.

Fun/educational activities might include:

Birdwalks

Breakfast with the birds

"Big Day" competition - prizes, \$ collected to IBA signs?

Bird I.D. sessions

Birding by bike

Bird costume contest - categories? Prizes?

Bird-banding AM only?

Habitat hikes

Kid's crafts

Migration Game

EarthWords - sales

Wild Birds Unlimited - sales

Food vendors

Live animal/bird programs - LENS, Medina Raptor Center, Zoo Music J.J.

Audubon actor

Other:

A person from Metroparks to work with WCAS planning team Tent Naturalist involvement Volunteer involvement Outside groups? Scouts?

WCAS involvement

T-shirts for the event - sales to help IBA sign purchases Budget