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BCN Board Meeting
December 10, 2004

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Donald Dann
Randi Doeker
Bob Fisher
Glenn Gabanski
Judy Pollock
Lee Ramsey

1. Chicago Wilderness Conference: Judy and the group brainstormed speaker and topic suggestions for the February 26th "Wild Things" conference being held at Northeastern University.
2. Census recruitment: Judy distributed a flyer that she is sending to all CBC participants to recruit additional BCN Survey participants.
 - Bob suggested a "Birding by Ear" session for the conference as a way to train people to be census monitors.
3. Birding Trail Map: Randi and Donnie reported on the production schedule. The map and signs must be ready by May 7th.
 - As soon as the draft map is posted on the BCN website, Randi will ask for volunteer proofreaders.
 - Next week the DOE Commissioner will send out letters to all land owners asking for their support related to signage. BCN will have to follow-up and work the land owners to get responses.
4. Northerly Island: Donnie reported on his experience at the second public hearing. The attendees were split between airport proponents and nature area supporters.
 - It was agreed that Bob would write the letter to support the use of the terminal building as a Rehab facility.
5. IL Bird Conservation Initiative: Donnie reported that we are waiting for the staffers at USFWS and IDNR to meet.
6. Birds & Buildings Conference: Randi reported that registration will open next week. Two key architects from NYC have agreed to speak, joining two Chicago architects.
7. USFWS grant for analysis of BCN bird data: No news yet about the grant.
8. Bergman Slough: Bob reported he has received calls about problems at Bergman Slough. The group recommended he contact Friends of the Forest Preserves.
9. Monitors: Lee reported he is working on establishing contacts within each club and increasing the number of land managers involved in the program.
10. 2005 dues: Glenn will distribute a prepared dues mailer at the January BCN meeting so each member can easily pay for 2005.
11. Succession: The board had a general discussion about future board members and the need to ensure that no

board is filled with all novices.

The next regular BCN meeting will be January 15th at Northerly Island at 1pm.

Submitted,
Randi Doeker
Secretary