

BCN Excom Meeting

December 8, 2006 – Teleconference

Attendees:

Donnie Dann

Randi Doeker

Bob Fisher

Glenn Gabanski

Dick Riner

1. Trends Presentation & Associated Grant Application

The ChiWild “small” grant request, to update the data, was not approved. Judy Pollock has submitted additional applications to USFWS and a second ChiWild funding group.

Bob Fisher revised the presentation to improve the flow of the discussion.

2. Revision of Grassland Green Paper

Per Donnie, the author of the original paper, Duane Heaton, has told us that he has not kept up with the research on mowing. Bob agreed to research on the most recent information on mowing and update the paper.

3. Stakeholder Orientation Meeting in Evanston

Dick Riner: Libby Hill will be our representative in this group that is working on a ‘vision’ for their lakefront.

4. BCN Quarterly Email Newsletter

Bob will seek a co-editor at the January meeting.

5. Private listserv for BCN

The original idea was to create a place for ‘private’ conversations but it seems not possible to create a truly secure communications process online for the most sensitive information.

Switching to a Yahoo group could have benefits although it does take a dedicated manager.

Donnie will put the topic on the January agenda.

6. Donation to IOS for Gull Frolic

After a group discussion, it was agreed that any donation could be perceived as a refund of their dues, a precedent we don’t want to set.

7. Cats Indoors

One grant application has been submitted. Judy and Donnie are still working on others.

8. Wind Turbines

Donnie discussed his recent conversation with USFWS expert Al Manville, who had just returned from the big San Antonio meeting. Donnie will update the larger group in January on the recent finding related to sitings, bats and bugs.

Glenn: November 28th meeting at City Hall about the Aerotecture turbines on Daley Center.

They are working on installing hi-resolution cameras that can be accessed from home computers. The turbines have not yet been installed.

9. Gulls

CPD considers the border collies program one of their major accomplishments for 2006. No report has been received; Donnie will follow-up with Ellen Sargent.

10. Wild Things

The agenda team is still seeking big-name speakers. The number of general presentations should be larger than the first conference. Donnie will re-contact Rahm Emanuel's office.

11. Lake Michigan Watershed Ecosystem Partnership

Dick and Donnie attended the most recent meeting. The group is still getting organized to seek funds to improve lake front habitat.

12. CPD Natural Areas Manager

Per Randi, Leslie Borns has resolved the issue; she can offer the details at the January meeting.

13. 2007 EXCOM Members

The nominating committee has not reported their recommendations.

Bob – The liaison list for the new board needs to be redone; also, how the mail is handled has to be discussed.

15. Shrubland bird blitz in 2007

Will be discussed at the January meeting.

16. Treasurer Report - Glenn

Check sent to INHS for \$400 for the tern project. We end the year with a slight loss and, therefore, will owe no taxes.