



BIRD CONSERVATION NETWORK

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Executive Committee Meeting
Conference Call
Monday, March 14, 2011

Present: Joan Bruchman, Judy Pollock, Mary Lou Mellon, Glenn Gabanski, Chris Van Wassenhove, Diane Rosenberg, Matthew Cvetas, Donnie Dann

1. **Wind Energy Guidelines**--Donnie. This is the public comment period until May 19, 2011. Letters are urgently needed. The text of a letter should state something along the line of: The proposed wind energy guidelines must be mandatory to be effective. Send your letter to windenergy@fws.gov with a subject line that says "Wind Energy Guidelines Comments." To see other comments, go to www.fws.gov/windenergy/ and click on Public Comments.
2. **Status of Cat Legislation**--Donnie. Donnie and Bob Fisher are going to Springfield on Tuesday, March 15 to protest the statewide legalization of this newly reintroduced issue. (We have since learned that the trip was successful and the bills in the Senate and House were both pulled. We won the battle but the war will be endless so we must remain vigilant.)
3. **Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act**--Donnie. Letters are needed to support the reauthorization of this act.
4. **BCN Secretary**--Judy. Matthew Cvetas has agreed to become BCN's secretary. He will be nominated and voted on at the April Quarterly Meeting. Thank you very much, Matthew!
5. **Camp Sagawau Bird/Window Collisions**--Judy. Mary Bernat has set up a meeting on April 1, 2011 with new CCFPD Superintendent Randall to present the problem of the bird-killing windows at the newly constructed nature center at Camp Sagawau. Three reps from BCN will attend the meeting.
6. **BCN Bird Survey**--Judy. At Wild Things, a lunch-hour session was held with bird monitors, stewards, land managers and ornithologists to consider what can be done to take the BCN Survey to the next level. It was agreed that habitat information and management efforts should be included with the reported point counts. A core group was set up to work out the details: Joe Suchecki, Wendolyn Petlow, Donnie, Gary Glowacki, Glenn Gabanski, Karen Glennemeier, Doug Stotz, Scott Meister and Lee Ramsey were mentioned to be a part of the group. Judy will help.
Also a nest searching pilot program is under consideration. Volunteer James Daley, who has worked with the Natural History survey, would like to determine if Wood

Thrushes have been successful nesters in this area. Permits from the FPD will be needed.

7. **Wild Things Recap**--Judy. The conference was a smashing success. The feedback has been terrific. The only complaints are that there is too much squeezed into one day. Great job, Judy. Many thanks!
8. **Northerly Island Plan**--Judy. No report at this time. A 15 minute DVD on the plan will be shown at the April Quarterly meeting.
9. **Forest Preserve Fishing-line Receptacle Project**--Mary Lou. A conference call between Judy, Joan, Annette Prince and Mary Lou was held to get this project to make the CCFPD fishing--receptacles safer for birds underway. Mary Lou will head up the project. Monitors have been solicited. More are still needed for Tampier, Powderhorn and Maple Lakes. The FPD has promised to work with us and the goal is to have all 12 lakes that have these receptacles to be surveyed by April 1st and then at least every two weeks (preferably weekly) through the breeding season.
10. **Treasurer's Report**--Glenn.
Financial Report: As of 3/14/11 the BCN checkbook balance is \$4,267.96.
Membership: I have not yet received 2011 dues from four organizations and one individual. The treasurer will send each a reminder notice.
501(c)(3) application: BCN received a letter from the IRS dated 2/28/11 acknowledging receipt of our application and the \$400 application fee. The application is being reviewed and BCN should hear back from the IRS within 90 days. Thanks to Glenn for his hard work completing this complicated and lengthy application.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Mellon
Vice President, Acting Secretary