

## **BCN ExCom Minutes**

Wednesday, 26 March 2014, 7 p.m.  
Teleconference

Attendees: Nancy Tikalsky, Bobbi Asher, Joan Bruchman, Lee Ramsey, Suzanne Checchia, Mary Lou Mellon, Donnie Dann (not currently an ExCom member but was present for questions about the Common Tern relocation effort)

Not available: Glenn Gabanski, Dave Willard

1. Funding for screening for hoped-for new Common Tern Colony at Zion decommissioned nuclear plant. After discussion in which all present agreed that Brad Semel's project should be supported, it was decided that private donors should be allowed and encouraged to provide full funding. (These funds have already been promised from several BCN members.)
2. Montrose Master Plan progress, Mary Lou. Mary Lou, Nancy and Joan attended a meeting with Cathy Breitenbach, director of Cultural and Natural Resources, Chicago Park District, to discuss the plan and make recommendations. The CPD and its hired landscape firm, Conservation Design Forum, now seem to realize that Montrose landscaping needs to be done primarily with birds in mind, and they have postponed their deadline for completion of the project until fall. Mary Lou was made a "stakeholder." The March 18th Stakeholder Meeting was a great improvement over earlier events; future meeting dates are not determined.
3. Promotion of new Population Trends—Breeding Birds of the Chicago Region 1999-2012 analysis, Mary Lou. This is now completed and available on the BCN website. Bob Fisher has been working hard on promoting it. He and Mary Lou have sent a press release that Bob wrote to hundreds of news people, forest preserve districts and land managers.
4. Birds of Concern Brochure, Bobbi. Judy Pollock has the completed list for breeding birds, but we are still investigating how to include migrating birds.
5. Bird Monitor's Brunch, Joan/Lee. A second invitation to the Brunch on May 3 at Bemis Woods will be sent out shortly. Tom Mulcahy and Jeff Armstrong, who we had hoped would lead the bird walk, have both confirmed that they will.
6. Report on the Woodcock Survey, Lee. We have reports that some 40 groups are now searching for woodcock in connection with the University of Arkansas project. The woodcock have returned and are displaying.
7. Terry Schilling's Donations Committee, Mary Lou. No report yet. This is a work in progress.

Adjournment at 7:52 pm.