

BCN Executive Committee Minutes

Monday, 8 September 2014, 7 p.m.
1202 Maple, Evanston, IL

Attendees: Bobbi Asher, Suzanne Checchia, Glenn Gabanski, Mary Lou Mellon, Lee Ramsey, Nancy Tikalsky, Dave Willard

Not available: Joan Bruchman

Guest: Judy Pollock

BCN ADDRESS: The Executive Committee has unanimously approved the following new address:
Bird Conservation Network
c/o Bird Division
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605-2469

Glenn Gabanski will notify the State of Illinois and the organizations of which BCN is a member.

BCN PHONE NUMBER: This has been changed to President Mary Lou Mellon's home number on the website but will not be included in the brochure. Future BCN presidents can determine if they wish to take on this responsibility. Mellon's voice mail will include Bird Conservation Network.

BCN CONTACTS PAGE: Judy Pollock has agreed to stay listed for the following projects with personal email and cell phone number:

Grassland restoration and birds
Chicago Mayor's Committee on Nature and Wildlife
National and international bird conservation issues

Her email address at Audubon should be removed from all our records.

MEETING WITH REBECCA SANDERS: The Executive Committee is proposing to meet with Executive Director Sanders at noon on October 25th, before the quarterly BCN meeting. Mellon will ask Sanders if this time is convenient for her.

BCN BROCHURE: This needs to be updated and revised. Mellon and Ramsey will work on this.

PROPOSED SURF PARK AT MONTROSE: We should attempt to stop this or get it moved to a location where it won't impact Montrose Dunes and the Magic Hedge restoration. Mellon will draft a letter to Cathy Breitenbach asking for a meeting about this issue.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2015 OFFICERS: Nancy Tikalsky offered to serve on this committee. It is hoped that Joan Bruchman, past president, will also serve.

CONTINUING BIRD CONSERVATION PROJECTS—Judy Pollock

The following projects and their status were discussed.

- BCN Survey
- Evanston bird-friendly building ordinance
- Summer bird blitzes

- Chicago Wilderness bird task force
- Bartel Grassland restoration
- Orland Grassland
- Deer Grove East project
- Miami Woods shrubland and Ronan Park restorations
- Lights Out
- Chicago Migratory Bird Alliance
- Important Bird Areas
- Restoration Map
- Evanston and Wilmette habitat projects
- Wild Indigo Nature Explorations
- Wild Things 2015
- Habitat Project

PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR BCN RECORDS: Gabanski pointed out that BCN has a number of important records scattered in various members' computers. We should find a permanent repository for these records.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Ramsey, Secretary