

BCN Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 2, 2014, 8:00 p.m.

Teleconference

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

Not available: Nancy Tikalsky

1. **Birds of Concern Brochure.** Mary Lou Mellon explained that the brochure will be distributed at the quarterly meeting on January 10th and at Wild Things on January 31st. CAS has a table at Wild Things and at the Gull Frolic on February 14 and will distribute it at both events. The public relations campaign for it will begin on January 1, 2015, headed up by Bob Fisher. Ongoing at the present time is the writing of a description of how birds were determined for the list by the committee of Bobbi Asher, Bob Fisher, Judy Pollock, Eric Secker, Nancy Tikalsky and Doug Stotz, to be posted on BCN's website. Jeff Reiter is devoting his January Words on Birds column to BCN and the new brochure in the Daily Herald, to help fulfill BCN's obligation to promote the brochure and to give credit to IDNR for having funded the project.

2. **Revision of Existing BCN Brochure.** The text has been largely rewritten and edited. The Executive Committee voted to approve the cost for printing and shipping the brochure (\$175) and Eric's expected fee to revise it (no more than \$200). Glenn Gabanski advised that BCN has the money for this project and asked what print run Eric is planning. Mellon estimated about 2500.

3. **Membership for The Wetlands Initiative.** BCN membership for The Wetlands Initiative was moved, seconded and passed. This will be presented to the full membership at the January 10th meeting.

4. **Urban Treaty Federal Grant.** Mellon explained that newly announced funds will be available for restoration work in the city of Chicago to coalitions that can produce a project or projects that meet the guidelines. Judy Pollock, who handled a previous Urban Treaty Grant, has asked the following organizations to partner with BCN: CPD, FPDC, CAS, COS and Greencorps. Projects should emphasize enhancing urban habitats for birds. There will be a meeting of the partners in early January as the application is due February 1st. In an advisory vote, the Executive Committee agreed to pursue this.

5. **Becoming a Co-host with COS in LaBagh Woods Workday.** After discussion, a motion to become a co-host and participate, as long as the workday is not scheduled on May 2nd (the day of the BCN Monitors Brunch), was moved, seconded and passed.

6. **Regular Repeating Meeting Date.** Mellon pointed out that this would be difficult for BCN because we move meetings around the area and then have to find an appropriate place and negotiate a date. It was agreed that we will not set a regular repeating date but that we will try to avoid the second Saturday of the month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Ramsey, Secretary