

BCN Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 2016
Phone Conference

In attendance: Dave Willard, Mary Lou Mellon, Glenn Gabanski, Suzanne Checchia, Bobbi Asher

Not attending: Emma England, Nancy Tikalsky

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Willard at 7:00 pm.

- 1. BCN's Proposed Feral Cat Position Statement** – A draft copy of the Position Statement prepared by Dave Willard, Terry Schilling, Dean Engel and Chris Williamson was provided to ExCom for review prior to the conference call. ExCom suggested a few changes but overall thought it was excellent. Dave Willard will prepare a final version, which will be distributed to all BCN reps prior to the July 16 quarterly meeting. At that meeting the reps will be invited to comment. Thereafter reps will take the position statement to their respective organizations for review. There will be a vote to accept the position at the October quarterly meeting.
- 2. Fundraiser Proposal for next BCN Trends Analysis** – Eric Secker proposed that he produce a wall calendar with photos of Chicago area birds that BCN would promote and sell as a means of raising money for the next BCN Trends Analysis. ExCom was impressed and grateful to Eric for his creative thinking and his commitment to BCN. However when discussing specifics of the project, so many complications and reservations were raised that ExCom did not feel comfortable going ahead with it.
- 3. BCN Fall Give Back to Birds Day** – The idea to go ahead with a GBBD at Jarvis Bird Sanctuary in the fall, in addition to the BCN-COS co-sponsored GBBD in August at Rainbow Beach, was discussed and approved. We decided on October 8, one of Jarvis's regular workdays. Dave Willard will confirm with Jarvis co-steward Terry Schilling.
- 4. Montrose Lakefront Coalition** – Luis Munoz represents COS in the Montrose Lakefront Coalition and asked if BCN would like him to represent BCN as well in that role. ExCom agreed that BCN should have its own voice in this forum. We will ask Luis to clarify, at the quarterly meeting, what the Montrose Lakefront Coalition is exactly. If it differs from the Montrose Bird Sanctuary Master Plan, for which BCN had been a named a stakeholder through Mary Lou Mellon, can he tell us how we can partake in the Coalition?

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Checchia, BCN Secretary