

BCN ExCom Minutes

Thursday, January 9, 7pm
Teleconference

Attendees: Bobbi Asher, Joan Bruchman, Suzanne Checchia, Glenn Gabanski, Mary Lou Mellon, Nancy Tikalsky, Chris Van Wassenhove

Congratulations and thanks to ExCom for a 100% turnout for this first meeting of 2014!

1. All members of ExCom who are not presently on the mailing list for the Illinois Environmental Council want to be added to it. Glenn will handle when he pays BCN's dues.
2. Funding for possible promotion of the new Trends Analysis data was discussed. As this is in the very early planning stages, it was agreed for \$200 to be included in the 2014 budget for expense that might be incurred. A press release was suggested and a presentation of the data at a reception for monitors, stewards and land managers is also under consideration.
3. BCN's 2014 Proposed Budget had been distributed prior to our meeting. The budget was approved as is for presentation to the reps at the Quarterly Meeting.
4. Koziols' donation of \$500 in 2013: Mary Lou proposed that BCN make a donation to the Chicago Peregrine Project with a portion of or all of these funds. By post-meeting e-vote, it was determined that ExCom will propose that \$300 will be donated to CPP.
5. Birds of Concern Brochure: Bobbi was part of a conference call with Judy Pollock and Bob Fisher this week. Things are moving along and there will be another call next week to hopefully nail down the species to be included in the brochure.
6. BCN benefactor Arlene Koziol is mounting a photographic exhibition at Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods featuring birds and bird behavior. The exhibit opens on January 19th with an opening reception from 1-3pm and runs through February 27th. Arlene has named BCN to receive 50% of the proceeds of any photo sales that result from the exhibition.
7. Consideration was given to BCN producing a Chicago area bird checklist and/or a beginning birder brochure as a education tool to be distributed to Nature Centers. No decision reached.
8. A version of the out-of-print publication Chicago Birding Trail Guide that could be accessed via smart phone as suggested by Eric Secker was deemed a worthy project. All were encouraged to check out the publication on the BCN website and determine if the information therein is current enough to merit electronic re-distribution.
9. Mary Lou said she would like ExCom's approval to name Eric Secker BCN Communications Chair. There was some discussion and the decision was to make the title BCN Communications/Technology Chair. The appointment was approved and will be announced at the Quarterly Meeting, January 18th.
10. The idea of a BCN Facebook page was discussed and soundly discarded.