

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 6, 2015**

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Twenty-seven people attended, including guest (and new member) Ken Vinciquerra.

2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the April 1 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.

3. TREASURY.

a. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 109 members are paid up and 48 are not.

b. Mary Anne said that for the fiscal year from September 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, our income has been \$3,643 and our expenses have been \$6,093. Our major expenses included Project Snowstorm and the April 1 joint meeting. Our balance in the bank is now \$25,754.

c. Mary Anne made a motion to raise dues by \$3.00 for individuals to equal \$20.00, \$2.00 for students to equal \$10.00, and \$2.00 for couples to equal \$30.00. Following a second, discussion ensued, during which Mary Anne explained that the dues increase is necessary because the meeting room rent and the cost of printing the newsletter have increased. The motion passed.

4. FIELD TRIPS.

a. President Lukas Padegimas reported that the April 25 field trip to the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve netted Fish Crow and Black-throated Green Warbler.

b. We will have a field trip on Friday, May 29 at Greenbrier Suite in the Terminal Tower to view Peregrine Falcon chicks. There will be two viewings at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. President Lukas Padegimas announced that "Buckeye," the Snowy Owl that Black Swamp Bird Observatory tagged during Project Snowstorm, has begun its journey northward and was reported to be in Michigan.

b. President Lukas Padegimas announced a slate of officers for next year, which included Dave Dvorak for president, Dale Gaul for vice-president, Tom Romito for recording secretary, and Mary Anne Romito for treasurer. Mary Anne asked for nominations from the floor for corresponding secretary, but none were forthcoming. The slate received a unanimous vote.

c. President Lukas Padegimas announced that Cheryl Harner will give a presentation on butterfly migration at the June 3 KBC meeting.

6. SPEAKER. President Lukas Padegimas introduced Sarah Mabey, who gave a presentation on the ecology of bird migration.

7. OBSERVATIONS. We had no observations due to the lateness of the hour.

8. ADJOURNMENT. President Lukas Padegimas adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.