Kirtland Bird Club of NEO meeting minutes

November 5, 2025

1. **The meeting was started at** 7:06 PM at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes by President Sean McCleery. He welcomed all attendees and reviewed our mission statement. He urged people to join or renew their membership in the club. There were 20 people present in the Nature Center and 18 screens on the Zoom Platform.
2. **Announcements**.
    a. Field trips
        i. Mentor Lagoons and Wake Robin Boardwalk on October 11. There were 16 birders present and 33 species seen, including a Northern Harrier and an American Kestrel.
    b. Volunteer bird surveys at Horseshoe Park, for which Laura Gooch is the coordinator. She is seeking volunteers. The goal is to see what the change will be with the Doan Brook Restoration Project. You can e-mail Laura if interested in participating: lgooch@alum.mit.edu
    c. The Winter Newsletter should be out by the end of November.
3. **Upcoming events**.
    a. Meetings
        i. Wednesday, December 3 at 6 PM in the Shaker Lakes Nature Center, we will hold our annual Holiday Party. The speaker will be Garry Gerrone, who will start at 7 PM. Registration will open soon. The cost will be about $20 to cover the food.
        ii. Wednesday, January 7 at 7 PM on the Zoom platform, we will have Dr. Andy Jones discussing:"Shorebird Migration in the Low Country."
    b. Field Trips
        i. November 15 at 9 AM, Rocky River and Westside Lakefront.
        ii. December 20 will be the annual Christmas Bird Count at Shaker Lakes Nature Center, starting 8 AM. Contact Laura Gooch if interested.

iii. January 10 at 9 AM: Geauga County Back Roads with Matt Valencic.

c. Other related activities: Saturday November 22 , The Ohio Avian Research Conference at Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Columbus, Ohio.

4. **Speaker**: Linda Rainsong, presenting “Birds and Insects are Listening.” Linda Rainsong is a music theory professor at the Cleveland Institute of Music. She is also a naturalist, whose work focuses on the Earth’s first musicians.
5. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM**