Kirtland Bird Club of NE Ohio meeting minutes

December 3, 2025

1. **The meeting was started at** 7:07 PM at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes by President Sean McCleery. He welcomed all attendees and reviewed our mission statement. There were 36 people present in the Nature Center and 6 screens on the Zoom Platform.
2. **Announcements**
    a. The recent Newsletter featured some of the winners of OAPI.
    b. Sean reviewed the fact that the membership year restarts in September, and urged those who had not joined or renewed to consider doing so.
    c. Past Field Trips:
        i. Rocky River Park and West Side Lakefront, lead by Paula Lozano. There were 22 people and 20-30 species (conservative reporting due to duck hunting season).
    d. Horseshoe Lake Park Bird Count, organized by Laura Gooch. The idea is to document what happens to the species as the park area is converted and restored. She is not planning to have them be as frequent during the winter, but to be more frequent in the spring. You can e-mail Laura if interested in participating: lgooch@alum.mt.edu
    e. Dr Sean Williams' Ornithology course at Tri-C needs a six more people signed up, in order for it the go forward.
    f. Future speaker meetings:
        i. Dr Andy Jones 1/7/26, 7 PM on zoom. The topic will be "Shorebird Migration in the Low Country".
        ii. John Barber 2/4/26 , 7 PM on Zoom. The topic will be "Planting is for the Birds!"
    g. Future Field trips.
        i. Christmas Bird Count, 12/20/26 at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, starting 8 AM. Contact Laura Gooch if interested.

ii. Geauga County Backroads with Matt Valencic 1/10/26. 17759 Valley Rd, Auburn Township, OH 44023
Meeting place: LaDue Boathouse

iii. Saturday 2/14/26 Rocky River Reservation with Western Cuyahoga Audubon at 9 AM. Meet at the parking lot , 24000 Valley Pkwy, North Olmsted, OH 44070

3. **Speaker:** Gary Gerrone , on " I Only Bird While I'm Awake". Gary S. Gerrone is a Naturalist, Writer, Musician, Bird Caller, Father of Twins, and a Relator of Things. He served as the award-winning Naturalist Supervisor for most of his 30+ year career with the Lorain County Metro Parks.
4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM