

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2015

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Sixteen people attended, including guests Clay Graham, John Sendorak, and Dana and Greg Meeke.
2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the January 7 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. TREASURY.
 - a. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 96 members have paid dues and 58 have not.
 - b. The Tom Lepage Scholarship Fund has \$655 and the Project Snowstorm fund has \$639. Bob Finkelstein promoted the Scholarship Fund. He noted that young people are interested in attending birding camp. Anyone interested in connecting them with the fund should contact Beverly Walborn.
4. FIELD TRIPS. President Lukas Padegimas reported that Chuck Slusarszyk led our January 17 field trip to E.72d St. We will have a field trip on February 15 at Avon Lake.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 - a. President Lukas Padegimas announced that Black Swamp Bird Observatory is moving Project Snowstorm forward, but has not banded a Snowy Owl in Cleveland yet.
 - b. President Lukas Padegimas noted that Cleveland Metroparks cancelled its plan to building a bridge and bike path at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Laura Gooch will report on our surveys there at our March meeting.
 - c. Dave Dvorak reported that the Dike 14 Committee would like time to speak at a future KBC meeting about the politics of the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.
 - d. President Lukas Padegimas reported that people are interested in applying for a research grant through our Ohio Avian Project Initiative. KBC Past President Dwight Chaser will present them at our March meeting and vote on the awardee at the following meeting.
 - e. President Lukas Padegimas announced that KBC's April 1 meeting at the Museum will be a joint meeting with Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society and Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. Bill Thompson of Bird Watcher's Digest will be the guest speaker.
 - f. President Lukas Padegimas announced that KBC member Dave Dvorak will speak at the March 4 meeting on birds of the Pacific Northwest.
6. SPEAKER. President Lukas Padegimas introduced Becky MacKay, who gave a presentation on twenty years of raptor surveying in Cleveland Metroparks.
7. OBSERVATIONS. Tom Romito conducted observations for the period from January 8 through February 4, which are attached to these minutes.
8. ADJOURNMENT. President Lukas Padegimas adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS FOR JANUARY 7 – FEBRUARY 4, 2015

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SIGHTINGS
Linda Johnson	Shaker Lakes Nature Center	White-throated Sparrow
Linda Sekura	Pennsylvania border	Red-shouldered Hawk
Dave Dvorak	Garfield Park	White-crowned Sparrow
John Sendorak	Solon	White-throated Sparrow Carolina Wren
Clay Graham	Lorain County Bridge	Great Black-backed Gull
Bob Finkelstein	Lorain Impoundment Lorain County Airport	Lapland Longspur Snow Bunting Snowy Owl Short-eared Owl
Mary Anne Romito	Ira Road in CVNP Scranton Road Flats Burke Lakefront Airport	Eastern Screech Owl Peregrine Falcon Snowy Owl
Becky MacKay	Strongsville	Great-horned Owl
Lukas Padegimas	Eastlake Power Plant	Harlequin Duck