

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Twenty-five people attended.
2. MINUTES. Claire Johnson read the January 8 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. TREASURY. Karin Tanquist reported that 125 members have paid their dues for this year. We have \$30,000 in the bank. At our current expenditure rate of \$5,000 a year, we would be solvent for six more years without raising any more funds.
4. FIELD TRIPS. Lukas reported that 40 people, including ten members of the new Northeast Ohio Young Birders Club, attended our field trip on January 18 field trip at E.72d Street and saw 30 species, notably Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, White-winged Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck. We will have a field trip on Saturday, February 15 at Miller Road Park in Avon Lake.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  - a. Lukas announced a birding opportunity called Owl Prowl at Lakeview Cemetery on Friday, February 14.
  - b. Tom Romito announced that the Marketing Committee has undertaken to update contact information on the KBC roster. The roster was on the back table for members to verify their information.
  - c. Lukas reminded us that our March meeting will be a joint meeting with Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland on Sunday, March 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The theme will be extinct species and preservation of habitat.
6. PROJECT SNOWBIRD. Lukas introduced KBC member Laura Gooch to announce Project Snowstorm.
  - a. Laura said Project Snowstorm is a collaborative that Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) has initiated to track irruptive Snowy Owls in Ohio this winter. BSBO has fitted ten owls with transmitters that work through the cell phone network. Laura is helping BSBO raise \$1,000 for a transmitter to put on an owl that will be trapped in the Cleveland area.
  - b. Laura explained that she is seeking donations from KBC members up to \$499 and hopes that KBC will match the amount the members donate with a club donation.
  - c. Bob Finkelstein asked if the owls are checked for health. Laura affirmed that they are.
  - d. Christie Carlson asked what the window of opportunity for this project is. Laura said it is the month of March because they owls will depart after that.
  - e. Laura said the device fitted on the owls is a leg harness that weighs one to three percent of the bird's body weight.

f. Helen Taft asked if the device would hurt the owl or if it would not work if the bird were hurt or lost weight. Laura affirmed that BSBO has affirmed that there is not safety issue with it.

g. Dick Hoffman asked what would happen if BSBO could not catch an owl here. Laura said BSBO would give us the money back. For that reason, Laura said it would be prudent for us to list who donates money what amount each person gives.

h. Lukas made a motion for KBC to match the amount that members donate, up to \$499. The motion received a second and the subsequent vote passed.

i. Karin collected donations from the members present and said all of the funds would go to Project Snowstorm. The deadline for donations is Friday, February 21. KBC will match the amount of donations from members at that time. Members may donate in cash, checks, or by using PayPal on the KBC website. There is no specific PayPay link. Instead, we can use the general donation link. There is a button to click on where you can send a comment. Put "Project Snowstorm" in this comment box.

7. SPEAKER. Lukas introduced Tom Romito, who gave a presentation on the five-year breeding bird survey conducted by the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society.

8. OBSERVATIONS. Tom Romito conducted observations for the period from January 9 through February 12, which are attached to these minutes.

9. ADJOURNMENT. Lukas adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

## OBSERVATIONS FOR JANUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 12, 2014

<b>OBSERVER</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SIGHTINGS</b>
Linda Johnson	Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Christie Carlson	Richmond Heights	Barred Owl
Dave Dvorak	Cleveland Heights	Purple Finch
Anna Julnes	Oakwood	Red-hooded Woodpecker
Helen Taft	Avon lake	Glacous Gull Iceland Gull
Gary Newman	Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	Brown Creeper
Julie West	Cleveland Heights	American Tree Sparrow
Jean Hoffman	Lakeview Cemetery	Merlin
Mickey Lewin	South Euclid	Cooper's Hawk
Claire Johnson	Lorain Marina	Rough-legged Hawk
Tom Romito	Ira Road Trailhead in CVNP	Red-shouldered Hawk