

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 1, 2015

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called to order a joint meeting of Kirtland Bird Club, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, and the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland at 7:40 pm. in the auditorium of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. One hundred-thirty people attended.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. President Lukas Padegimas announced that 125 avian surveys have occurred at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve since July 2014. A plan to install a bike path on the preserve threatened to disrupt the project, but letters from concerned citizens stopped the plan.

b. President Lukas Padegimas announced that Project Snowstorm was successful this year when Black Swamp Bird Observatory tagged a Snowy Owl in Ohio. KBC partially underwrote the cost associated with the project.

3. CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE.

a. Marnie Urso, Ohio staff member of the National Audubon Society, said that data from bird counts that citizen scientists conduct every year are used to predict the impact of climate change on birds in North America.

b. Marnie showed a teaser film on this subject and noted that NAS has launched an initiative to combat climate change. The initiative promotes the reduction of carbon pollution and the protection of habitat. NAS scientist Gary Langham is going to speak about the initiative at the Cleveland City Club on May 6. NAS is appealing to Senator Portman to support the initiative.

4. SPEAKER. President Lukas Padegimas introduced Bill Thompson, who gave a presentation on "The Perils and Pitfalls of Birding."

5. ADJOURNMENT. President Lukas Padegimas adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.