

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 2, 2014

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Thirty-seven people attended, including guests Aimuth Riggs, Herb Spike, Joy Colman, Alan Jones, Cam Margolin, and Fran Demyan.
2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the February 4 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. TREASURY. There was no treasury report.
4. FIELD TRIPS.
 - a. Lukas reported that 12 people attended the February 15 field trip at Avon Lake and saw White-winged Scoters, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, and Glaucous Gull.
 - b. Lukas also reported that 15 people attended the March 22 field trip at Rocky River Park and saw Ross's Geese.
 - c. The next field trip is a hawk watch on April 12 at Edgewater park.
5. PROJECT SNOWSTORM. Lukas reviewed Project Snowstorm, as follows:
 - a. Project Snowstorm is a collaborative effort that Black Swamp Bird Observatory (BSBO) has initiated to track irruptive Snowy Owls in Ohio. This past winter, BSBO fitted ten owls with transmitters that work through the cell phone network.
 - b. BSBO needed \$1,000 for a transmitter to put on an owl that was going to be trapped in the Cleveland area. In order to do this, KBC member Laura Gooch collected donations from KBC members, which KBC matched with a club donation. Our total collection was \$1,183. BSBO didn't trap an owl in the Cleveland area, but will make it a priority next year.
 - c. Lukas explained that we still have the money and will only give the money to BSBO once an owl is banded. Lukas made a motion that we retain the money until next year. Following a second, Bob Finkelstein said he does not want anyone's personal donations held in escrow. Lukas clarified that the motion was to retain KBC's matching fund, and that anyone who wants to recover a personal donation may do so or put it in another KBC fund.
6. JOINT MEETING.
 - a. Lukas reported that 120 people from Kirtland Bird Club, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society, and Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland attended the March 29 event at the Cleveland Zoo.
 - b. The meeting featured a movie about a sculpture project that honors extinct species, followed about a panel discussion and audience participation.

7. COLLABORATIVE PROJECT AT CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE.

a. Lukas reported that an outgrowth of the March 29 joint meeting is a collaborative project in which members of KBC and the two local Audubon chapters are going to conduct avian surveys at CLNP.

b. This project will consist of point counts which volunteers will conduct during short monthly walks through CLNP. The data this project yields will be evidence that the Port Authority must protect this property.

c. Mark Shieldcastle of BSBO will create protocols for conducting the surveys.

d. So far, 22 people have expressed interest in participating in the project.

8. MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT.

a. Tom Romito, KBC Marketing Committee chair, reported on the committee's project to bring the KBC roster up to date. Ninety-three members out of 118 responded to an e-mail request to confirm their addresses or checked the roster at the back of the meeting room. The committee will call the others to confirm the addresses.

b. Tom also displayed a poster that the committee produced to use at the March 29 joint meeting and future outreach events. He also displayed a prototype of a banner we will use at the Museum on the evening of KBC meetings, pending Museum approval.

9. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. Lukas noted that KBC members Anna Julnes, Dave Dvorak, Leo Deininger, Ruth Skully , and Steve and Beth Cagan staffed a table at the annual Migration Sensation in Shreve, Ohio on March 29. They promoted KBC with our literature and new poster.

b. Lukas announced that the Magee Marsh Wildlife Area is renovating the boardwalk at Crane Creek. The Friends of Magee Marsh are seeking donations to defray the cost of this effort. Lukas said he will make a motion at a future meeting when he had more details.

c. Lukas reported that an opportunity to view nesting Peregrine Falcons would take place at Tower City on April 23.

d. Lukas announced that Andy Mack would speak at the May 7 meeting on cassowaries in Papua, New Guinea.

10. SPEAKER. Lukas introduced Dave Dvorak, who gave a presentation on the birds and wildflowers along the Old Santa Fe Trail.

11. OBSERVATIONS. Tom Romito conducted observations for the period from February 13 through April 2, which are attached to these minutes.

12. ADJOURNMENT. Lukas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL 3 – MAY 7, 2014

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SIGHTINGS
Fred Dinkelbach	Sandy Ridge Metropark	European Wigeon
Bob Finkelstein	Cuyahoga River	Iceland Gull
Claire Johnson	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Jean Hoffman	Scranton Flats	Pomerine Yeager
Steve Cagan	Shreve Erie Street Cemetery	Common Loon Eastern Phoebe Brown Thasher
Anna Julnes	Oakwood	Red-tailed Hawk acting like an Osprey
Erik Bruder	Cleveland Lakefront	140 Turkey Vultures
Linda Johnson	Brecksville	Mating Red-shouldered Hawks
Dale Gaul	E. 72d Street	Red-necked Grebe
Lukas Padegimas	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	12 Fox Sparrows