

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 7, 2014

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Twenty-two people attended.
2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the April 2 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with one correction.
3. TREASURY. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito had no report.
4. FIELD TRIPS.
 - a. KBC members participated in a hawk watch at Edgewater Reservation on April 12. Anna Julnes reported that they observed Broad-winged Hawk, American Kestrel, Turkey Vulture, and Brown Creeper.
 - b. Fifteen KBC members observed nesting Peregrine Falcons on the 12th floor of the Terminal Tower on April 23. Pictures are on Facebook. Leader Drew Rolick will schedule another tour when the chicks hatch.
 - c. Jen Brumfield will lead a migrant trap sweep at Wendy Park on May 17.
5. SURVEY PROJECT AT CLEVELAND LAKEFRONT NATURE PRESERVE.
 - a. The Cuyahoga County Port Authority has approved our proposal to survey birds at the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.
 - b. We have scheduled an orientation for volunteers by Mark Shieldcastle of Black Swamp Bird Observatory on May 31. We will help Mark install 16 survey markers.
 - c. Laura Gooch has agreed to coordinate the survey, which will start this summer.
6. MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT.
 - a. Tom Romito, KBC Marketing Committee chair, displayed a poster and tripod that the committee produced to highlight KBC at outreach events. He also displayed a prototype of a retractable banner stand that we intend to use at the Museum to announce KBC meetings. The Museum approved our use of the banner, provided that we only show it on the night of the meeting, starting not earlier than 5:00 p.m. The membership present voted to spend \$370 to produce the banner.
 - b. The Marketing Committee also created a rack card, which is in the final stage of production.
7. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 - a. Cam Margolis asked about the status of the dumping of dredge at Dike 14. Dick Hoffman explained that dumping no longer occurs at Dike 14, but is occurring off of Burke Lakefront Airport. Lukas noted that capping recently occurred on Dike 14 to cover some previous dumping.

b. Lukas announced that Barb Coleman is scheduled to speak at the June 4 meeting on a 15-year citizen science project of surveying butterflies and moths on Kelly's Island.

8. SPEAKER. Lukas introduced Andy Mack, who spoke on his 17 years of studying cassowaries in Papua, New Guinea.

9. OBSERVATIONS. Tom Romito conducted observations for the period from April 3 through May 7, which are attached to these minutes.

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

OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL 3 – MAY 7, 2014

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SIGHTINGS
Lukas Padegimas	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Orchard Oriole
Gretchen Larson	Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	Yellow Warbler Palm Warbler
Cheryl Dinkelbach	Boston Mills	Orchard Oriole chased by a Baltimore Oriole
Fred Dinkelbach	Station Road Bridge in CVNP	20 Palm Warblers
Dick Hoffman	Nickel Plate Beach in Huron	Summer Tanager
Jean Hoffman	Frohring Meadows	Virginia Rail
Steve Cagan	Cleveland Heights	White-crowned Sparrow
Jim Hoeflich	University Heights Mount Hope in Holmes County	Fish Crow Rock Wren Eurasian Collared Dove
Anna Julnes	Nature Center at Shaker Lakes	Bald Eagle