

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2014**

1. CONVENING. President Lukas Padegimas called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Thirty-nine people attended, including guests Joan and Greg Everett and Lori Brumbaugh.

2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the September 3 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.

3. TREASURY.

a. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 67 members have paid dues and 81 have not. We have considerable money in the bank.

b. Past President and Program Coordinator Karin Tanquist reported that we have \$28,000, \$5,000 of which is for annual operations, such as meeting room rent, insurance, speakers, OAPI, and administrative costs. Dues bring in \$2,200 each year, which leaves an annual deficit of \$1,800. Donations usually go Cleveland Bird Calendar and the Tom Lepage scholarship fund. At this point, the following discussion ensued:

1) Julie West asked how we will defray the difference between annual expenses and revenue. President Lukas Padigemas said we would discuss this at another meeting, but we will accept suggestions at any time.

2) Mary Anne said the deficit has occurred because membership is down. Karin added that the deficit is also due to a rise in rent costs and the fact that we now pay our speakers.

3) Andy Jones noted that the deficit is not a crisis because we can sustain ourselves for at least five years before we have to do something to survive.

4) Karin said she would write a summary of our financial situation for the newsletter.

4. FIELD TRIPS. President Lukas Padegimas reported that the field trip to Headlands and Wake Robin on October 5 resulted in observations of a host of migrants. Our next field trip is to Rocky River Park on November 23. Lukas also reported that we are need of a local field trip coordinator.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor Fred Dinkelbach announced that the 2009-2010 winter issue is at the printer. The 2013-2014 winter issue is in the works and will feature a new format.

b. President Lukas Padegimas announced that survey participants at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve have seen 115 species after conducting 34 surveys at the rate of two surveys per week since the project began this summer. KBC member Dick Hoffman has conducted half of them himself. Project Coordinator Laura Gooch is developing a survey method that will enable observers to conduct surveys in less than two hours.

c. President Lukas Padegimas announced that his planned birding trip to Ecuador is still on and people who are interested in going may contact him.

d. Steve Cagan announced that he is going to have an exhibit of his bird photographs at the Peterson Institute in Jamestown, New York in November and December. Steve also said he and Mary Kelsey are going to have a month-long exhibit of his photographs and Mary's pen-and-ink drawings about the impact of mechanized gold mining in the Pacific rain forest area of Colombia at the Urban College of Cleveland State University until December 16.

e. Claire Johnson announced that the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes is going to conduct bird counts from November 8 through March 29 under the leadership of KBC member Linda Johnson.

f. Andy Jones announced that an Ohio Avian Research Conference will take place next October in Columbus.

g. President Lukas Padegimas announced that Andy Jones will speak at the December 3 KBC meeting on changes in ornithology.

6. SPEAKER. President Lukas Padegimas introduced Tom Henry, who gave a presentation on the Barn Owl project in Ohio.

7. OBSERVATIONS. Tom Romito conducted observations for the period from September 4 through November 3, which are attached to these minutes.

8. ADJOURNMENT. President Lukas Padegimas adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

## OBSERVATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 4 – NOVEMBER 5, 2014

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SIGHTINGS
Anna Julnes	Solon	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Dale Gaul	Edgewater Park Reservation	Blue-winged Teal
Claire Johnson	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Northern Saw-whet Owl
Christy Carlson	Euclid	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Paul Kiplinger	Bluffs	Merlin
Greg Everett	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Magnolia Warbler
Fred Dinkelbach	Hudson	Pine Siskin
Lori Brumbaugh	Garfield Heights	Nashville Warbler
Paula Lozano	Erie Street Cemetery	American Woodcock
Bob Finkelstein	Wendy Park	Pine Warbler
Mary Anne Romito	Edgewater Park Reservation	300 Horned Grebes Black Tern
Linda Sekura and Dave Dvorak	Edgewater Park Reservation	Little Gull
Tom Romito (and a host of others)	Headlands Beach State Park	Northern Wheatear