

Kirtland Bird Club
Date October 9, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

1. – Meeting started at 7:03 PM at the Nature Center At Shaker Lakes by Patty Kellner.

23 people were present.

2. Welcome and Announcements, led by Patricia Kellner, president:

A. There was a bird walk before the meeting on the boardwalk of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes . This was led by Julie West and Sean McNeely, who also gave the report. There were 14 species seen over 50 minutes in 0.36 Miles. Birds seen included Winter Wren, Swamp Sparrow and Wood Duck . Fourteen people were on the walk.

B. Upcoming bird walks and events included:

i. A Big Sit with Julie West at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes boardwalk, to support of bird banding there.

ii. Saturday October 19 at Sandy Ridge Reservation, to be led by Fred Dinkelbach

iii. Note- we often go to brunch after a walk.

iv. Details are on our website or e-mail info@kirtlandbirdclub.org

v. There is a pre-order bird seed sale at the Nature Center going on and it supports the Nature Center. Deadline is soon

C. Current Environmental Issues

i. The KBC website is posting an article by Rob Swindell ,of the Black River Audubon Society, that is in the Chronicle Telegram, a local Lorain newspaper. It is about many of the things legally occurring that are bad for the environment.

ii Our website will also post a voter guide from “ Save The Parks” , which is a group devoted to oppose fracking in our state parks.

3. Speaker Becky Donaldson.

Becky is the Mentor Marsh Naturalist Manager in the Natural Areas Division of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. In 2021, Becky joined ODNR’s Division of Natural Areas and Preserves in the Scenic Rivers program as an Eco-analyst/Stream Quality Monitoring Coordinator. She oversees the stream quality monitoring program and Stewards the scenic river lands. In addition, she is an active member of Blackbrook Audubon Society. There she leads bird walks and currently serves as board president.

Becky earned her Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University, but originally hails from Northeast Ohio.

4. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM