

Kirtland Bird Club
2/1/2023– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM with Patricia Kellner on Zoom
66 Screens were signed on.

2.-Welcome. To attendees and our speaker tonight will be **Anna Kozlenko.**

3. Announcements:

A. Dwight Chasar stated that the bylaws require making an announcement 1 month in advance if spending >\$500 from the treasury. At the next month's meeting, he plans to state that OAPI (Ohio Avian Project Initiative) will bring a motion to spend \$1000 on the research grant selected by the committee.

B. Report from Climate Watch from Mary Anne Romito, local chairman. This runs from 1/21/23 to 2/15/23. While most of the area has been covered by WCAS and KBC, there are still some squares that need to be covered.

C. Sightings: Jim's Photo of a black-headed Gull.

D. Field Trip Reports & Upcoming Field Trips – Paula Lozano

i. Upcoming field trips are all under the "Activities" tab on the KBC website.

ii. Report: "Back roads of Geauga County" January 7, led by Matt Valencic- there is a link on the website for results of 20 species in six communities.

iii: upcoming field trips:

a. February 11 at 9AM at Rocky River Nature Center

b. March 26 at 8:30 AM at Sandy Ridge Reservation

E. Upcoming KBC programs:

i. March 1 – Laura Erickson on Gardening for Birds

ii. April 5 – Ken Vinciquerra and Louise Acheson on Birding around University Circle

iii. May 3 – Sam Bachtel – a younger birder and videographer with a wry sense of humor talks about being a new birder and some of his favorite places to go birding around northeast (and northwest) Ohio – slides, videos, stories! POSSIBLY a LIVE VENUE

iv. June 7 – KBC picnic & walk at Squire Vallevue Farm

F. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations:

v. CHEERS Open Houses

a. **February 2nd – 5:30-7:30 - Goldhorn Brewery at 1351 E 55th**

b. **February 4th – 1:30-3:30 - EJ Kovacic Recreation Center. 62nd/St**

Clair. These events are meant to gather input from the community on what they want to see for the lakefront, give some project updates, and inform those who are new to CHEERS what it's all about. The Open Houses will have some fun hands-on activities, snacks, and drawings for a few small giveaways as incentives to participate.

c. Hoping to have an opportunity to hear about CHEERS for birders & friends on Zoom

G. New Birders

- i. Should have received an email with upcoming opportunities – get in touch to get on this email list if you're new to birds

4. Speaker: Anna Kozlenko, who received a Ph.D. in Zoology from the Russian Academy of Science and studied bird populations in Central Siberia before emigrating to the United States in the 1990s.

Over the 28 years she's been in the US, Anna worked mostly as a software quality analyst.

During her career and in retirement, Anna has volunteered extensively for the Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Friends of Euclid Creek, Friends of Lower Lake, and Bellefaire JCB's mentoring program for children in foster care. Anna lives in South Euclid and is a Board member of the Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio.

Anna spoke about the birds and other wildlife she encountered during her recent trip to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands.

For those interested in the tour group she used:

reservas@puembobirdingarden.com

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Puembo Birding Garden (Facebook page)

Mercedes at Puembo Birding Gardens can arrange any type/ length of birding/ nature trip that you dream of. Available by Facebook.

5. Transition: Next meeting will be Wed 3/1/23. The speaker will be Laura Erickson: 100 Plants to Feed the Birds: Turn Your Home Garden Into a Healthy Bird Habitat.

6. Business meeting:

A. Secretary's Report: January meeting is still being reviewed.

B. Treasurer's quarterly report: finances: no report at this time. Membership still is growing. Letters will go out to members who have not renewed

C. New business:

i. Response from Black Birder week: Patty sent the announcement from CMNH that they are looking for a Ph.D. candidate in ornithology to one of the founders of Black Birder Week and he said he would share it with his network.

ii. CMNH: There is a position for a grad student in ornithology.

iii. Trips with birding businesses options reviewed!

iv. Black birder initiatives or new birder walks discussed. Sponsorship versus support/resource? Will Steve Cagan help?

v. Lights Out Cleveland—CMNH is not taking dead birds at this time. It may start 3/16-6/1 per Anna K.

7. – Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM