

## Kirtland Bird Club of NE Ohio Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2026

1. **The meeting was started** at 7:05 PM by President Sean McCleery on the Zoom platform. There was a maximum of 51 screens logged in.
2. **Announcements**
  - a. Welcome: Sean gave a brief history of the club and its mission statement.
  - b. Bird sightings:
    - i. Zoe has been watching the Woodcock numbers on e-bird. At Acacia Metropark there have been 6.
    - ii. At the Rookery, outside of Chesterland, once the invasive buckthorn has been removed, the woodcocks came back.
  - c. Membership: Sean urged those who were new to consider joining and past members to renew.
  - d. Field trip recap: In February KBC, in conjunction with WCAS, went to Rocky River Reservation. Conditions were very icy. Highlights were a Barred Owl, Juvenile Bald Eagle, Copper's Hawk, and Common Raven.
  - e. The Spring Newsletter was sent out this past weekend.
  - f. Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Linda Coulter and seconded by Dot Bambach. (spelling?)  
The motion passed.
  - g. OAPI: Notice of motion proposal and vote at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. By Bylaws an outlay over \$500 must have a notice of the motion 30 days before the vote. There are two projects that the committee has approved.
    - i. "The Birds of North Bass Island" by Tom Bartlet. He plans to take a 10-member volunteer team from Black Swamp Bird Observatory to the island for four days, where they will:
      1. Mist net and band the birds.

2. Survey. They plan to use the \$3000 award towards travel and lodging.
- ii. Metzger Marsh Morning Flight Survey by Gautam Apte. He has shown proof of concept. He will monitor the morning flight of birds that have passed a certain area. Some go further than they want and come back to feed in the morning in the marshes. He will be actively monitoring birds to see population trends. He will also provide information to people. Funds will be applied to travel and lodging for 85 days. Funds will also be used to buy tables, chairs, and brochures to help public education. He is asking for \$3000.
- iii. Since Dwight Chasar had notified the group at the February 2026 meeting that the committee planned to ask for \$6000 in grants, it was possible to vote on this issue at today's meeting. Dwight made a motion to pass for each project. Both were unanimously approved. Sean thanked the committee for its hard work.

### 3. Upcoming events

- a. Meetings/Programs: "Birding to Change the World" by Dr. Trish O'Kane at our April 8, 2026 meeting on the Zoom platform.
  - b. Field Trips
    - i. Saturday, March 25 9AM at Sandy Ridge Reservation
    - ii. Other organizations
      1. Saturday March 7 at 12 PM Women of Ornithology (Summit Metro Parks)
      2. Saturday March 14 Migration Sensation 2026 in Shreve, OH
      3. Monday April 13 at 6 PM Christian Cooper lecture at CWRU (Birding: One for All and All for One for a Better Tomorrow)
4. **Speaker.** Jamey Emmert on Ohio Birding Trails. Jamey Emmert is with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Department of Wildlife. She is a

Project manager Avian Education Coordinator. She can be reached at [Jamey.Emmert@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:Jamey.Emmert@dnr.ohio.gov)

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**5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.**