Kirtland Bird Club
Date 6/2/2021 – Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting started at 7:30 PM** by Patricia Kellner.
   36 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

2. – **Announcements**
   A. Sightings:
   i. Connecticut warbler Nancy Howell CLNP in May
   ii. Julie West reported Red headed woodpeckers are nesting at lower Shaker Lake along the south side around the pines. They are in a large dead tree
   B. Committee reports:
   i. Black Birder Initiative: not meeting formally.
   ii. We had a good response to “Birdwatching for Everyone”. Patti may set up a bird walk from this group. She had a session at campus international with school kids- some kids were interested. She received an invitation from Cleveland Metroparks to participate in outreach events at CLNP 4 times this summer. Let Patty know if you are interested.
   C. Future meeting places: to be determined. We could consider a mix:
   i. Outdoor venue in warmer months. (We need to find a location)
   ii. Indoors spring and fall (We need to find a location to host).
   iii. Zoom in winter.
   D. Upcoming field trip: Richfield Heritage Preserve June 12
   E. Interesting programs from other local organizations:
   i. **WCAS: Towpath Trail Tremont Bird Walks**
   **Date & Time:** Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
   **Location:** Go to the Tremont/Abbey Ave./Innerbelt Bridge Parking Lot
   ii. Protect Geauga Parks https://protectgeaugaparks.us/about/ invited us to a webinar to honor 3 students that they gave scholarships to.
3. Speaker. Dr. Jim K. Bissel: As noted on the CMNH website: “Jim Bissell is one of Ohio’s premier botanists. He is responsible for much of what is currently known about plant diversity and distribution in Northeast Ohio, particularly the Snow Belt. His work has helped preserve land with rare species and habitats throughout the region.”

4. Recording Secretary report: Motion to approve minutes for April and May of 2021 was made by Mary Anne Romito and seconded by Patty Kellner. Minutes were approved.

5. New business:
   A. Patty acknowledged a donation from Episcopal Church Women, who had asked for a talk on Zoom for their retreat.
   B. Plant sale at SLNC went very well in May. On 6/13/21 there will be the home-grown sale, often native plants.

6. Upcoming meetings: September 1, 2021 7:30 PM

7. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM