Kirtland Bird Club  
Date 5/5/2021– Meeting Minutes

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

2. – **Announcements**

   A. Committee and activity reports and upcoming:

   i. Black Birder Initiative:  Black Environmental Leaders (BEL) Nicole Jackson, nickyj08@gmail.com, based in Columbus, OH, Research at OSU started her bird interest. Board of Columbus Audubon. BEL is working on a park initiative for Park Equity. Cleveland has had no grants for parks in 20-25 years. Cleveland may be making more parks. (who would like to see more planning- BEL?) Would like to see more native planting. Wildlife ecologist and author Doug Tallamy “national Parks in your Yard (was this part of BEL? Just another idea?)

   ii. New Birder Series: 6 Fridays, this Friday will be week 5 Turnout has been good. Cleveland area and further afield. NY, Louisiana, ect. Club Participation J west, L Gooch, jean haplic ***SP?, and Matt Valencic. This week will cover birds of Cleveland, especially this summer. Jo Blanda***- backyard birding and setting up your own nature scape.

   iii. Binocular loan program: We now have 9 sets of KOWA binoculars. The Board decided to make a 4-month loan of one of our sets of binoculars to Monica Marshall, former environmental educator at the Boys & Girls Club in Slavic Village (lost job due to pandemic) and soon to be educator at North Chagrin Nature Center and possibly one more Nature Center.

   iv. Upcoming KBC programs: – Jim Bissell on Birds & Plants in Special Natural Areas - June 2nd on Zoom botanist formerly with CMNH conservation program. Involved with acquiring land with important ecology.
v. Upcoming KBC field trips:  One-on-one with new birders, no other official KBC outings yet. Volunteers optioned for one on one.

vi. Shaker Lakes Nature Center plant sale this Saturday 5/8, annuals, vegetables, native plants, herbs 8:30-9:30 members and 9:30-2:30 sale and June local plants

vii. Taking a new birder out for one-on-one. We have a request for a walk about new birders in Willowick.

viii. Future speakers options might include: 4 speakers 15 minutes each

ix. There is a woman who is converting vacant lots into little parks, urban gardening for food and pollinators. Sarah Continenza: https://www.facebook.com/friendsofsarac/

x. We are Trying to get Tim Beasly to come back – an urban sustainability specialist.

xi. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations – listed on our calendar
   ASGC: Summer Birding with Matt Valencic on 5/20
   Biggest Week Talks 5/6-5/10 – will forward schedule with annotations for new birders, Black speakers, environmental issues for birds, travel, young birders. All remote.

3. Speaker.  Bird Nerds, Isiah M, Kimberly W, 8th graders, 3 year veterans of the Bird Nerd East Clark school with Nicole Jackson

4. Recording Secretary report: not given at this meeting.

5.- Treasurer’s Quarterly Report: not given at this meeting

6.- Upcoming meetings: The following meeting will be June 2, and speaker will be Jim Bissell on Natural Areas - long time curator CMNH

7. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM