

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 planing- BEL?) Would like to see more native planting. Wildlife ecologist and author Dough 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 you 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 Beasley 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