

Kirtland Bird Club
2/2/2022– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM by Patricia Kellner .

A maximum of 41 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

2.-Welcome. Online included out of town viewers:

Russ from RI

Roger from Dorset, UK

3. –Announcements:

A. Sightings:

i. Rough-legged Hawk at Hopkins

ii. Paula saw 2 Snowy Owls there 1 week ago

B. Upcoming Field trips

i. Saturday Feb 19, Backroads of Geauga County, 9 AM- 12 noon, 6 car limit (participants must be fully vaccinated to ride in someone else's car)

ii. Check Calendar for March or April trips.

C. Upcoming KBC Programs – meeting with speaker programs :

i. Wed, March 2, speaker will be Pittsburgh cellist , and Cleveland birder, **Sameer Apte**, speaking on Bird Song in Music, specifically the 20th century French composer Olivier Messiaen.

ii. Wed , April 6: **Gautam Apte**, speaking on how to optimize your bird finding during migration based on weather.

D. Committee reports: OAPI – Dwight Chasar , Laura Gooch and Andy Jones- on the Ohio Avian Project Initiative. Dwight reviewed the work of this committee that was established fifteen years ago. Its purpose is to support bird research in Ohio. Every fall the committee solicits grants from within Ohio, and will have a grant proposal to announce at the next meeting. Per KBC By-Laws, if anyone is asking for > \$500 from the club, they must

announce it the month before a motion is presented. In March Dwight will bring a motion to the floor to support the 2022 grant proposal the committee has selected.

E. Coalition for habitat in NE OHIO has been formed .This is a bird friendly building initiative. Matt Valencic , Nancy Howell and Patty Kellner are leading an initiative to form a coalition of birders and others to bring attention to development that worsens bird habitat and to opportunities where bird habitat can be developed or improved bird habitat. They invited all interested birders and allies in Northeast Ohio to get in touch through info@kirtlandbirdclub.org.

F. Volunteer opportunities were reviewed by Patty Kellner. She emphasized that no one will be doing these jobs alone. We need to have others ready to take on board positions. Patty Kellner is willing to talk to anyone willing to help. There are many ways to do this.

G. Upcoming Programs and items of note from other organizations:

- i. ASGC : check their calendar
- ii. WCAS: Tim Colburn Ohio Ornithological Society “Grassland Birding in Colorado and Saskatchewan” Speaker Series March 1, 2022
- iii. Black River Audubon is opposing turning Cromwell Park in Lorain County (an Important Birding Area) into a go-kart track. We have written a letter to support BRA. It was suggested interested members e-mail: “info @kbc” and we will send info on where to send their own letters
- iv. Tom Leiden (Board Trustee of International Crane Foundation)- reported that volunteers did a crane count 2021 in 5 counties Ohio and counted 160 cranes. Tom announced that this is expanding to more counties on April 9 . Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Tom at tmleiden16@gmail.com. For more information: https://savingcranes.org/event/annual-midwest-crane-count-2/?instance_id=2797

4. **Vote on name change:** to Kirtland Bird Club of NE Ohio – will better reflect our geographic reach. This will be by email; you must be a member to vote

5. **Speakers:** Sergei and Elena Mirenski :**Co-Founders, Muraviovka Park for Sustainable Land Use in the Amur Region of USSR**

6. **Recording Secretary report:** none

7. **Treasurer's Quarterly report:**

A. Membership: There are 29 late and 125 paid

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM by Patty Kellner