

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 4/7/2021– Meeting Minutes

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

2. –**Announcements**

A. Committee report: black birder initiative- members will be voting on binocular initiative

B .Upcoming KBC programs

i)Friday, April 9th at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Kirtland Bird Club presents:

Birdwatching for Everyone - Week One

This course is for beginners. Learn to identify some of the 270+ birds seen in our region. Learn what tools will help you recognize birds by eye or ear .Learn w here to look for birds - in every part of the Cleveland area. Members of the Kirtland Bird Club will guide you (virtually) on your journey. Will repeat if enough interest .Info on our homepage. Register on Eventbrite

ii. Wed 5/5 Bird Nerds & Nicole Jackson, co-founder of Black Birder Week

iii. Wed 6/2 Jim Bissel

C. Volunteer opportunities :

i. Tech Guru

ii. Membership

iii. Marketing and publicity

iii. Habitat/conservation

iv. Board positions- president, vice president, treasurer

D. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations

i. ASGC:

a. Summer Birding

b. Andy Jones on Lights out Cleveland 4/15/21 Thursday 7 PM

ii. International Crane Foundation: first ever Ohio Sandhill Crane survey – contact Tom Leiden (Portage) or Matt Valencic (Geauga)

- contact information : mmvalencic@roadrunner.com – 4/17 6:30-8:30 AM few more teams- contact information is chat
- iii. CHEERS: “final” draft is available – community meeting coming
 - iv. NPR interview with Scott Weidensaul regarding bird migration – in Bird Science section of our website
 - v. Black Swamp Bird Observatory Virtual Biggest Week – May 6-10 - lots of great-sounding programs – a number of prominent black birders speaking – Drew Lanham, Audrey Peterman, Corina Newsome, Dudley Edmondson, related to equity in birding. Free of members and \$25 for non-members(or \$25 to join BSBO).
 - vi. Black Birders week 5/30-6/5/21- more information to come
 - vii. KBC is growing- You can still join

3. Speaker: Ben Winger on the Evolution of Migration. Dr Winger is assistant professor Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology & Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan. A former KBC member as a teenager. This presentation was recorded on You Tube. It can be found under KBC Archives under “ Past Speakers”.

4. Recording Secretary report: Minutes of last month’s meeting were posted on the website . Motion to approve by Fred Dinklebach, and was seconded by Anna Kozlenko. The motion passed Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting.

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

6.- Other updates/announcements:

A. Old business:

- i. Vote on Binocular purchase \$2,025 binoculars from KOWA, 6.3 x 32, nine pairs. They are lightweight. We have found a vendor who will give us a good price. These are very good quality optics .

These will be used as loaners on field trips, once they restart. They could also be used for other KBC birding events such as members with a bird walk plan. It will also help with the Black Birders Initiative. Motion to approve by Matt Valencic – seconded by Linda Coulter. Motion passed unanimously

B. New business:

- i. please write an article for the Newsletter
- ii. Andy Mentioned that he is leading a talk with Gary Miner “ the origin and history of all American bird names ”Monday night through the CMNH

7.- Upcoming meetings :

- A. Next meeting May 5, 2021, Wed speakers will be Bird Nerds, Buster Banish, Nicole Jackson(co- founder of Black Birders week)– Submit questions to bird nerd to info@KirtlandBirdClub.org
- B. The following meeting will be June 2, and speaker will be Jim Bissell on Natural Areas- long time curator CMNH

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