

Kirtland Bird Club
5/4/2022– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM by Patricia Kellner .

15 people were present at Lakewood Women's Pavilion

2.-Welcome. To our speaker tonight will be Courtney Brennan, Senior Collections Manager at CMNH

A. She talked about the specimen collection at CMNH (a substantial proportion from Light Out Cleveland's collecting efforts)

B. She passed around specimens that we can examine

C. She did specimen prep while we watch.

3. Announcements:

A. KBC Booth at Shaker Lakes Plant Sale – need a volunteer for Saturday AM, May 7th

B. Field Trip Reports & Upcoming Field Trips – Paula Lozano

i. Report: Volunteers helped with The April 16 walk at Bedford Reservation (joining the Audubon Spring Walks), led by Fred Losi, covering 5 miles, 6 hours, 44 species, and many wildflowers, including Virginia blue bells

ii. April new birder walk was led by Christi Carlson at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center. This was a success, and loaner binoculars were used.

iii. Upcoming:

a. Saturday May 7, 8AM at station Road with Fred Dinkelbach

b. New Birder Bird Walk – April walk was successful. Some good birds were spotted- loaner bins used . Christi Carlson leading Sunday 5/29 Forest Hills with Linda Coulter .

c. There may be a Possible "Bird Sit" with Bill - long-time member Bill Toneff is still hanging in at 103. Karin Tanquist and Susan Jones will try to plan an opportunity to "Bird with Bill" later this Spring in Hudson where he lives – it will be a fairly last minute plan (both weather-dependent and Bill-dependent)

and it will be a one point experience ... in keeping with Bill's abilities ... though we might add on some other sites afterwards.

C. Native Plant Sales – Saturday 5/7/22 – at several Metroparks & Shaker Lakes Nature Center.

D. Bird Coalition update – nothing new to report. It was open to new members – members were encouraged to their email in the chat if they would like to be notified about actions they could take – emails, letter writing, petitions, social media

E. Member directory – volunteers requested

- i. Still in the works - no time, no progress on getting it out
- ii. We have a few member photos – we could use more
- iii. Members are welcome to submit name, address, email, phone, twitter handle, and head shot
- iv. At this point the directory will only be shared with people who are included in it – hoping everyone will want to be included!

F. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations

- i. KBC – potluck picnic in the works
- ii. ASGC: no programs mentioned
- iii. WCAS: Audubon Bird Walks started
- iv. David Lindo will be back

G. Next meeting will be at Squire Valee Vue and will try to get a pavilion

3. Speaker: Courtney Brennan

- A. She is the Senior Collections Manager at CMNH
- B. She has been at CMNH for 9 years
- C. Bachelors & Masters in Environmental Science from CSU
- D. Thesis was “Singing Behavior and Geographic Variation in the Songs of the Veery across the Appalachian Mountains”
- E. Research & project interests are hybrids of known species (warblers, sparrows) and Lights Out Cleveland
- F. Pleased to have her with us tonight!
- G. She will lead CMNH field trip to CLNP Sun 6/5 at 7:30 AM – register through:

<https://1023.blackbaudhosting.com/1023/Curator-Led-Field-Trips-Lakefront-Birding-with-Courtney-Brennan-05Jun2022>

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4. Business meeting : not done

5. Next meeting : Wednesday , June 1, Squire Valee Vue.