

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2019

1. CONVENING: Treasurer May Anne Romito called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Twenty-eight members attended.
2. AGENDA. Mary Anne said her intent for this meeting was to come up with a plan for the future of the organization. She distributed a handout showing three options for this, which are closure, formation of committees, and merge with another organization. Mary Anne welcomed other options. She also distributed a handout, listing duties that officers have been performing. Before reviewing the options, Mary Anne and co-meeting leader Fred Dinkelbach conducted a brief survey to solicit member views of our meeting location and schedule. Here are the questions and results:
 - a. How many here would like to have four meetings a year instead of ten? __5__ Yes __17__ No
 - b. Who would like programs that focus more on birding ID and updates? __14__ Yes __13__ No
 - c. Would it make a difference if we met where there is free parking? __10__ Yes ____ No
 - d. Is a consistent day of the month for meetings important to you? __13__ Yes __1__ No
 - e. If meeting at a different place, would an earlier time be a problem? __1__ Yes __2__ No
 - f. Would meeting on weekends be better than weeknights? __2__ Yes __17__ No
 - g. How many people here would volunteer to do some of the traditional officer duties? __10__ Yes ____ No
3. MEETING COSTS.
 - a. Mary Anne noted that CMNH charges KBC \$50 a month to rent Classroom A for our meetings.
 - b. Nancy Howell said Rocky River Nature center charges \$200 for each use of its auditorium.
4. BRINGING IN A CONSULTANT.
 - a. While we were reviewing the options for the future of the organization, Patty Kellner suggested that we bring in a consultant to help reorganize the club.
 - b. Several members constructed a motion to form a committee to develop a framework to guide a consultant in helping us chart KBC's future. The subsequent passed. We then formed this committee, which consists of Julie West, Linda Sekura, Irene Krise, and Patty Kellner.
 - c. We also constructed a motion to authorize \$1,000 to pay a consultant to help us move forward. In accordance with our bylaws, we tabled the vote on this motion until the November meeting.

5. VOTING. Karin Tanquist asked if those present could vote, as none of us have paid our dues yet. Andy Jones pointed out that according to the bylaws, members who have paid their previous years dues (September 2018-August 2019) do not become delinquent until January 2020.

6. OFFICERS.

- a. Christi Carlson volunteered to serve as vice president on a temporary basis.
- b. Patty Kellner volunteered to service as president until the end of 2019.
- c. Anna Koslenko agreed to continue as newsletter editor, corresponding secretary, social media coordinator (with Geri Wesley's help), and webmaster.
- d. Dana Bjorkland and Fred Dinkelbach agreed to continue as co-corresponding secretaries.
- e. Laura Peskin was not available for us to ask her if she would continue as recording secretary. Christi said she would call her and ask her.
- f. Mary Anne said she would continue as treasurer.
- g. A motion to accept all of these nominations passed.

7. DAVID LINDO WEEK.

- a. Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS) is going to host British birder David Lindo during a week of activities in early November.
- b. We agreed to be a sponsor of this event with a donation of \$100.
- c. Mary Anne said we will double up with WCAS's field trip with David Lindo.
- d. Our November 5 meeting in the Rare Book Room will feature David Lindo as our guest speaker.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.