

Kirtland Bird Club 1/3/2023 – 7:00 PM on Zoom
Meeting Minutes

42 people attended

1 – Patty Kellner welcomed participants, announced speaker, reviewed agenda, invited guests to stay at the end of the meeting and ask any questions they might have – and sign up for our newsletter if they'd like (put info in chat)

2 – Announcements

- CMNH asked us to spread the word to help find a future curator of ornithology – announcement forwarded to members of #blackbirderweek & to former young birder members as well
- Field Trip Reports – Paula – reports are posted on the website under the ARCHIVES tab
- Christmas Bird Count – preliminary report from compiler Laura Gooch (shared by Patty Kellner)
 - The CBC covered almost all of the circle's likely habitat.
 - *The weather was pretty good, and the lake and streams were largely ice-free.*
 - *Participation was excellent - More than 60 people participated and put in more than 190 person hours (67 party-hours).*
 - *We are still waiting for results from two parties, which will probably increase our species count and will certainly increase of total birds seen. So far, the species count is 69, which is a bit below the last 50 year average for our circle. Over 15,000 individual birds were counted. While I don't have a full history of the numbers counted, this was significantly more than were counted in 3 out of the four immediately past years, but looks like it is a bit below average for the past 20 years or so.*
 - *We had one species that was new to the count - Fish Crow, which was heard by Joe and Lisa Cellura and Dot Bambach at Acacia.*
- Upcoming KBC Programs – Anna Kozlenko will talk about Ecuador & the Galapagos on Feb 1
- Special Program – will send invitation to members of the Bird Coalition and to all area bird clubs:
 - Update on CHEERS – with:
 - Kelly Coffman, Principal Planner with Cleveland Metroparks
 - Linda Sternheimer, Director of Urban Planning and Engagement with Port of Cleveland
 - Val Stone, Natural Resources Area Manager for Lakefront Reservation
- Upcoming KBC Field Trips – Paula
 - Saturday 1/7 – Backroads of Geauga County – a few spaces are still available
 - Email us at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org – if you want to do this route, but either can't make it or our trip is full, the driving directions are attached to the announcement on the website
- Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Watershed Volunteer Program with Cleveland Metroparks – program 1/15 & 1/19?
 - People interested in helping with KBC were invited to stay on Zoom at end of meeting

3 – Speaker: **Mary Anne Romito – on Audubon's Climate Watch Survey** – why and how to do the survey

- video recording was made
- participants were invited to contact Mary Anne to choose a square to survey and to ask questions

4 – Business Meeting:

- Secretary's Report: Minutes were reviewed by officers and posted to KBC website.
- Treasurer's quarterly report on finances & membership: Ken Vinciguerra reported **115** memberships and **146** members as of now – reminder email followed by mail reminders will be sent to 2021-2022 members and other former members to invited them to renew their memberships
- Board meeting is scheduled for Wed Feb 8 – KBC members who are not on the board were invited to attend the meeting

Adjournment: Business meeting adjourned at about 9:00

Meeting minutes recorded by Patty Kellner, approved by KBC Board before posting.