

Kirtland Bird Club
2/7/24– Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting started at 7:00 PM** Patty Kellner, president, on zoom. There were 35 screens logged on.

2. **Welcome & Speaker Introduction**
The speaker will be Gabriella Lindsay.

3. **Announcements, led by Patricia Kellner, president:**
 - A. Field trip in January was to the back roads of Geauga County. There were 2 clusters of meadowlarks seen, along with a rough-legged hawk. The rip report is on e-bird. 38 species total were seen.
 - B. Sightings: Anna K. reported a snow goose.
 - C. Mary Anne Romito is still doing Climate Watch (a community science project through Audubon). Please call her if you are interested in participating.
 - D. Newsletter: any suggestions for April, May or June are welcomed.
 - E. Membership: We have up to 167 members today compared to 172 last year, per Ken Vinciguerra.
 - F. Upcoming meetings/speakers:
 - i. March 6 on Zoom. Ken Vinciguerra and Louise Acheson will present “ Birding the University Circle Area of Cleveland 2”.
 - ii. April 3: Will probably be on Zoom: Matt Valencic on sparrows
 - iii. May 1: Will be at Western Reserve Land Conservancy headquarters in Mooreland Hills. The topic is: American kestrel conservation activities at the Wilds with Genelle Uhrig, OAPI recipient & ecologist at The Wilds.
 - iv. June picnic to be decided.
 - G. Upcoming field trips and other birding activities.
 - i. Feb 10 Saturday 9 AM at Rocky River Nature Center along with Western Cuyahoga Audubon

- ii. March 16 1 PM : Lake Erie Nature and Science Center field trip
Bay Village
- iii. April 20 Frohring meadows with Michelle Brosius and her
uncle, Bob Opper. We may need a rain date (and this would
be with not the same leaders).
- iv. April 13 Midwest crane survey Sat 6:30-8:30 AM- could use a
few extra people to help, as some regulars will be away.
- v. April : Annual series of Spring Bird Walks for the last three
Sundays in April and the first 3 Sundays in May
- vi. May 7 Tuesday Paula and Patty will be at Magee Marsh for
“bird walk on the boardwalk”.

4. Program Speaker: The speaker is Gabriella Lindsay, an OAPI (Ohio Avian Project Initiative) recipient. Her research involves Henslow’s sparrows. We have lost 50% of this species since 1966. Ms Lindsay is a fourth-year undergraduate student at Ohio University in the Honors Tutorial College. She became interested in working with birds in 2022 and dove into the work head-first, started working with Dr. Kelly Williams in the Williams Avian Ecology Lab. S Has worked on projects with Swainson’s Thrushes, Dark-eyed Juncos, American Tree Sparrows, American Kestrels, and Henslow’s Sparrows. After completing her undergraduate degree she plans to continue using nanotags on birds to study the effects of artificial light on activity patterns and migration.

- 5. Business portion of the meeting:** primarily the board stays for this. It was started at 8:10 PM.
- i. OAPI: there were no requests submitted this year. Dwight Chasar stated that on his own, Tony Romito is looking into grants and other funding to increase the award size. Research has gotten much costlier, and a larger award may attract more candidates.
 - ii. Approval of the following minutes: Club meetings for November 2023, December 2023, January 2024, and Board

meeting of November 2023. Paula made the motion to approve; it was seconded by Christi and approved by all.

- iii. There was some discussion about how best to support Ohio Young Birder's Club (along with Western Cuyahoga Audubon).

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Meeting notes submitted by Toby Briskin, then reviewed and approved by the Board, and posted to the KBC website.