

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEMBER MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019

1. **INFORMAL CONVENING.** Interim President Patty Kellner opened the meeting informally at 7:04 p.m. in the Rare Book Room of Cleveland Natural History Museum. The meeting began earlier than the usual 7:30 start time in order to give people time to arrive to hear the guest speaker of the evening.

2. **OBSERVATIONS.** As people began coming into the meeting room, Patty invited people who arrived early to discuss their notable bird observations and post them to a flip chart in the front of the room. Here are the observations people noted:

- a. Limpkin.
- b. Turkey Vulture.
- c. Red-tailed Hawk.
- d. Red-breasted Nuthatch.
- e. Peregrine Falcon.
- f. Black Vulture.
- g. Wood Duck.
- h. Black-and-White Warbler.
- i. Common Raven.
- j. Tundra Swan.
- k. Rusty Blackbird.
- l. Hermit Thrush.
- m. Bonaparte's Gull.
- n. Bald Eagle.
- o. Swainson's Thrush.

3. **FORMAL CONVENING.** Patty formally opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Fifty-eight people were in attendance, including guests Sandy Brown, Marcia Silver, Barbara Harville, Secundra Beasley, Kim Smith Woodford, and Quiana Williams. Tom Romito took minutes in the absence of Recording Secretary Laura Peskin.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. Patty explained that this KBC meeting was occurring in the middle of a week when Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society (WCAS) was hosting David Lindo, "The Urban Birder." Patty noted that members of WCAS were attending the meeting.
- b. Tom Romito announced that WCAS was going to launch an Urban Birding Cleveland Initiative with a design lab the following night to begin planning an on-going project. Tom invited anyone who was interested in the project to attend.
- c. Cheryl Dinkelbach called for a rundown on a typical KBC meeting and the history of our namesake, Dr. Jared Kirtland. Several KBC members in the audience provided this information.
- d. Patty reported that the membership made a motion during the October meeting to allot \$1,000 to hire a consultant to help us chart the future of KBC. Patty said that per our bylaws, this meeting was the time to vote on the motion. Mary Anne Romito said a quorum was present. Patty said her search committee received two proposals from people who are willing to do consulting work with us for

\$1,000, plus one proposal from someone who could do it pro bono. Patty called for a vote on the motion, and it passed. The search committee will select a candidate for this purpose.

- e. Julie West announced that the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes would officially open the new All Peoples Trail on the November 11.
- f. Laura Gooch announced that a meeting on the Doan Brook Partnership would occur on November 13 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

5. FIELD TRIPS.

- a. Patty noted that the November field trip included all of the bird walks occurring during the present week with David Lindo.
- b. Patty said that the December field trip would be the Christmas Bird Count on December 21. Paula Lozano will coordinate birds and locations.

6. PROGRAMS. Patty said that KBC doesn't have a program committee at this time. She explained the program schedule for the rest of this calendar year, as follows:

- a. Patty noted that we didn't have a speaker for the December meeting. Tom offered the contact information for Helena Suffrant, who KBC sponsored to a birding camp in 2018. Patty said she would pursue this lead. *Helena wasn't available, and on November 14, board members arranged for Betsey O'Hagen, the web consultant for WCAS, to speak at the December meeting on the Urban Birding Cleveland Initiative.*
- b. Patty said that Andy Jones will give a report on the Christmas Bird Count at the January meeting.

7. SPEAKER. Patty introduced David Lindo, who spoke on his urban birding travels.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Patty adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.