

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 6, 2016

1. CONVENING. Acting President Tom Romito called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Twenty-five people attended including guests Ann Billington, Shuo Yang, Yuan Liang and Lukas Padegimas' grandmother Svetlana.

2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted after a few corrections were noted by Dwight Chasar.

3. TREASURY. There was no Treasurer's report.

4. FIELD TRIPS.

a. Field Trip Co-ordinator Lukas Padegimas reported that the March 6, 2016 field trip to the Caley Woods Lorain County unfortunately did not result in the observation of any owls, however a few Snow Geese were observed in the farm fields on the way to Caley Woods. Afterwards we went to the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center where two Barred Owls were observed in the pine trees just outside the LENSVC Visitor's Center. Finally we went to 100th Bomb Group Restaurant on Brookpark Road in Cleveland, just across the street from Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport. From the porch of the restaurant we were able to observe a number of Broad-winged Hawks within the confines of the airport.

b. Our next field trip will be on Saturday, April 16, 2016 in Cuyahoga Valley National Park at 8:30 A.M. We will meet at 13513 Station Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141 in the parking lot near the bridge. We will be searching for migrating warblers such as Yellow-throated Warblers and Northern Parulas plus other migrants.

c. Tom Romito mentioned that the Shreve Migration Sensation was sensational. The birds of the day were enormous numbers of Ring-necked Ducks.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. Anna Kozlenko, Editor of our newsletter, *The Kirtland Warbler*, announced that contributions to the newsletter are needed by the deadline of May 1.

b. Dwight Chasar announced that his annual census of Cuyahoga Valley National Park will coincide with the CVNP's BioBlitz. Dwight's census in the CVNP will take place on May 21, while the BioBlitz will be a 24 hour affair taking place on May 20-21. If one wishes to participate in the BioBlitz one needs to sign-up at the CVNP web site.

C. Acting President Tom Romito announced that Lisa Rainsong will give a presentation entitled "I Know Where You Live by the Songs That You Sing" at the next KBC meeting on May 4, 2016.

6. SPEAKER. Acting President Tom Romito informed the club that the scheduled speaker, Craig Caldwell, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Instead Tom introduced Bill Deininger, who presented "Birding Without Binoculars And With Bill," a video birding adventure in Northern Ohio, which was very entertaining.

7. INTERVIEWS. Two graduate students from Kent State University. Shuo Yang and her

friend, Yuan Liang, had the members present fill out a number of questionnaires concerning a project that Shuo Yang is doing as part of her Master's Degree at Kent State University.

8. ADJOURNMENT. Acting President Tom Romito adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.