

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2017

1. CONVENING. President Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Forty-two people were in attendance, including guests Kathy Smith and Chris and Julie Shields. Dale polled the audience for observations in the last 30 days in Ohio.
2. MINUTES. Vice President Tom Romito, on behalf of Recording Secretary Laura Peskin, read the November 1, 2017 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. FINANCES. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that we have 84 paid members and 39 members from last year who have not paid. KBC members Dana Bjorkland and Linda Coulter have volunteered to form a membership committee. KBC members who are CMNH members can obtain a \$4.00 discount on the \$10.00 parking fee by stopping at the security for a voucher.
4. FIELD TRIPS. Interim Field Trip Coordinator Tom Romito reported that 26 people attended the field trip at Bradstreet Landing and Rocky River Park on November 19. Notable species seen were Black Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Loon, and Peregrine Falcon. Our next field trip will be the Eastside Christmas Bird Count. Tom gave a presentation on our field trip schedule for 2018.
5. ANOUNCEMENTS.
 - a. Bill Toneff noted that Cleveland Metroparks has purchased a 100-acre plot of land in the Brecksville Reservation. Bill commended Cleveland Metroparks for taking this initiative. Craig Caldwell suggested that KBC send a letter of thanks to CMP CEO Brian Zimmerman. President Dale Gaul said he would take action on this suggestion.
 - b. Andy Jones said Black Swamp Bird Observatory would conduct a boat tour on Lake Erie on December 17. We can register on the BSBO web site for the trip. On a side note, Andy said that the American Ornithological Union has lumped Thayers Gull into the Iceland Gull category, and we no longer have to worry about identifying Thayers Gulls.
 - c. Andy Jones announced the Citizen Science Challenge on the last weekend of April. At this event, participants can survey birds, plants, and animals in our seven-county area. Interim Field Trip Coordinator Tom Romito said we can do this during our April 28 field trip at Columbia Reservation. We will enter our sightings into i-Naturalist.
 - d. Paula Lozano announced that KBC member Lukas Padegimas is leaving the country to work with the Micronesian Supreme Court.
6. NEXT SPEAKER. President Dale Gaul announced that Dave Kriska would speak at the January meeting on restoration work at Mentor Marsh.
7. SPEAKER. Andy Jones presented news in ornithology. Andy also briefed us on Lights Out Cleveland and made a presentation on hummingbird tongues.
8. ADJOURNMENT. President Dale Gaul adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.