

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2016

1. CONVENING. Vice President Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:450 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Fifty-four people were in attendance, including new member Claudia Bennett.

2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the November 2, 2016 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted without any corrections.

3. FINANCES.

a. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 88 of last year's KBC members have paid their dues for this year and 47 have not.

b. Mary Anne announced a new arrangement that allows KBC members to park for free in the museum staff parking. Andy Jones explained the procedure of using a voucher to validate the parking ticket and said this will remain in force this winter and next spring.

4. CLEVELAND BIRD CALENDAR. CBC Editor Fred Dinkelbach announced that the next issue will come out soon.

5. FIELD TRIPS. Field Trip Coordinator Lukas Padegimas reported that the November 5 field trip was held at Beaver Creek Wildlife Education Center in East Liverpool, Ohio. Lukas said the Christmas Bird Count will be on December 17 and KBC will have a field trip on January 28 at Edgewater Park.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

a. Marketing Committee.

1) Chairperson Tom Romito promoted the free KBC rack card and the sale of the Field Guide for Birds of the Cleveland Region (The Green Book).

2) KBC member Patty Kellner asked how anyone who sees the rack card will know where KBC meets, since it does not note that our meetings are held at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Tom and his committee members said this was an oversight in the design of the rack card. Lukas Padegimas said that people can visit the KBC website, which is noted on the rack card, to find the meeting location.

b. Ohio Avian Project Initiative (OAPI) Committee Chairman Dwight Chaser explained the mission of OAPI and announced that a request for proposals is out and he expects to receive one proposal. If the committee deems the proposal worthy, the recipient will receive up to \$1,000.

d. Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve survey coordinator Laura Gooch reported that bird surveys are continuing after two and a half years since the project began. Laura said that anyone who would like to participate should contact her.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. Craig Caldwell reported that the summer issue of the “Cardinal,” the publication of the Ohio Ornithological Society will come out soon.

b. Vice President Dale Gaul announced that Bradley Wilkinson will speak at the January 4 meeting on Remote Tracking of Rhinoceros Auklets on Southeast Farallon Island.

8. SPEAKER. Vice President Dale Gaul introduced Andy Jones, who spoke on updates in ornithology.

9. OBSERVATIONS. Recording Secretary Tom Romito conducted monthly bird observations for the period November 3 to December 7, 2016.

10. ADJOURNMENT. Vice President Dale Gaul adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PERIOD NOV 3–DEC 7, 2016

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SPECIES
Fred Dinkelbach	Brecksville	Black Vulture
Irene Krise	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Saw Whet Owl Barred Owl
Claire Johnson	Edgewater Park	Barn Swallow
Lukas Padegimas	Marshall Law School	Barred Owl
Anna Koslenko	Cleveland Heights	White-throated Sparrow
David Kazden	Cleveland Heights	Red-tailed Hawk
Mike Pogue	Norton	Hairy Woodpecker
Holly Lynn	Vermillion	Snowy Owl
Paul Hillman	Lorain	Cattle Egret
Linda Sekura	Villa Angela	Horned Grebe
Karin Tanquist	Peninsula	Eastern Bluebirds