

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2016

1. CONVENING. President David Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Forty-two people attended.
2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the January 6 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. TREASURY. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito announced that we have 117 paid members. Twenty-one members from last year are still unpaid for this year.
4. MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT. Marketing Committee Chair Tom Romito reported that the annual Shreve Migration Sensation birding event will occur on Saturday, March 12. KBC has an opportunity to staff a table in the exhibit's area at Shreve Elementary School. Tom said that KBC members who would like to volunteer to staff the table should notify him and he will apply for the table.
5. OHIO AVIAN PROJECT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. Past President Dwight Chaser, chair of the Ohio Avian Project Initiative Committee, reported on the committee's activities. Dwight noted that the initiative exists to award researchers with funds to conduct bird projects in Ohio. The committee has vetted projects and recommends three to receive a total of \$2,828 this year. The three projects will study nesting Hooded Warblers, nesting Prothonotary Warblers, and migrating Rusty Blackbirds. Dwight's announcement complies with our bylaws, which require that the membership receive a 30-day notice to authorize an expenditure over \$500. Dwight will call for a vote on the recommendation at the March 2 meeting.
6. NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT. KBC Newsletter Editor Anna Koslenko invited the membership to submit content for the upcoming issue.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 - a. Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor Fred Dinkelbach said he is changing the format to one annual issue. The upcoming issue is in progress.
 - b. Field Trip Coordinator Lukas Padegimas reported that KBC had a field trip on January 23 at Wendy Park and will have a field trip on February 21 at Avon Lake.
 - c. President Dave Dvorak reported that Northeast Chapter of the Ohio Young Birders Club recently held a meeting at Rocky River Nature Center.
 - d. Andy Jones reported that the east side Christmas Bird Count netted 81 species, most notably Sandhill Crane. Also, Jen Brumfield and Liz McQuaid reported 36,000 Red-breasted Mergansers at the lakefront.
 - e. President Dave Dvorak announced that Linda Sekura will speak at the March 2 KBC meeting on conservation activities at Mentor Marsh.
8. SPEAKER. President David Dvorak introduced Dwight Chaser, who gave a presentation on Famous People in North America and their "Fowl" Obsessions.

6. OBSERVATIONS. Recording Secretary Tom Romito conducted observations for the period January 6 – February 3.

7. ADJOURNMENT. President David Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JAN 6 – FEB 3, 2016

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SPECIES
Fred Dinkelbach	Richfield Township Brecksville	Brambling Turkey Vultures/Black Vultures
Mary Soloman	Hopkins Airport	Snowy Owl
Bill Grant	Merwin Street Bath Nature Preserve	Black-crowned Night Heron Eastern Bluebird
Paul Kiplinger	Soltis Rd. in Geauga County	Snow Buntings
Andy Jones	Lakeview Cemetery	Merlin
Anna Koslenko	Burke Airport North Chagrin CVNP	Horned Lark Eastern Bluebird Brown-headed Cowbird
Ken	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Red-winged Blackbird
Lukas Padegimas	Mosquito Lake	158 Snow Geese 47 Greater White-fronted Geese 2 Ross's Geese
Dale Gaul	Lorain Impoundment	7 Ross's Geese
Mary Anne Romito	Bath Nature Preserve	2,000 Red-winged Blackbirds
Dave Dvorak	North Ridgeville	6 Eastern Bluebirds