

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2017

1. CONVENING. President Dave Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Thirty-two people were in attendance, including guests Val and Cassie Koslenko. Dave turned the meeting over to Vice President Dale Gaul.

2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the January 4, 2017 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted without any corrections.

3. FINANCES. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito reported that 96 of last year's KBC members have paid their dues for this year and 39 have not.

4. FIELD TRIPS.

a. Fred Dinkelbach reported that field trips sighted 15 species on January 28 at Edgewater Reservation, most notably Bald Eagle and Red-breasted Merganser.

b. Lukas Padigemas reported that KBC will have a field trip at North Chagrin Reservation on February 19.

5. MEETING PLANNING. Karin Tanquist announced that the KBC officers would like to plan a meeting on how to protect birds. Karin said a planning meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at a venue to be announced. Karin asked the members present who are interested in attending the planning meeting to contact her.

6. PROTECT OUR PARKS CAMPAIGN. Terri Martincic and Nataliya Merkouloba discussed the Protect Our Parks campaign and presented the following facts:

a. The intent of the campaign is to get Ohioans together to support the environment.

b. A petition will go to Senator Portman to protect our Wilderness Act and Antiquities Act. KBC members had an opportunity to sign it.

c. People can call Senator Portman's office at 216-522-7095 to leave the following message:

"My name is _____, a constituent from Cleveland. I'm calling Senator Portman asking him to please make the protection of our parks and public lands a high priority. I'm deeply concerned that some of our nation's most successful tools for protecting our parks, such as the Antiquities Act and the Land and Water Conservation Fund are at risk in this new congress and that iconic landscapes like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge -- America's last great frontier -- could be threatened by industrial development interests I would like to respectfully remind Senator Portman that he has a responsibility to both Ohioans and all Americans to safeguard our parks and public lands for future generations."

d. Anna Koslenko and Lukas Padigemas offered to provide more detailed information about the campaign on the KBC Facebook page and website.

e. Karin Tanquist subsequently sent an e-mail to the KBC membership providing Internet links for getting involved in this campaign.

7. OHIO AVIAN PROJECT INITIATIVE (OAPI). OAPI chair Dwight Chaser announced that

his committee is prepared to award \$1,000 in grant money to this year's applicants. Dwight will make a motion at the March meeting to award grants to researchers who have sent him applications by then.

8. LETTER OF SUPPORT. Recording Secretary Tom Romito announced that the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership asked KBC to provide a letter of support for a project to regenerate coastal Lake Erie estuary habitat at the mouth of Doan Brook, which is adjacent to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Dwight Chaser made a motion that we send a letter of support. Dale Gaul seconded the motion. Following a discussion on the issue, the membership present voted to send the letter. Tom Romito will subsequently sent the letter.

9. NEW BOOK CLUB. KBC member Julie West announced that Loganberry Books, in partnership with Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, is going to host a book club at Loganberry Bookstore in Shaker Heights every third month on the third Sunday of the month, starting February 19. Book club meetings will feature discussions on books about conservation.

10. CLEVELAND BIRD CALENDAR.

a. Karin Tanquist announced that we need help to decide the future of the Cleveland Bird Calendar (CBC). Anyone interested in serving on a planning committee should contact Dale Gaul. Karin subsequently sent out a request for volunteers by e-mail to the KBC membership.

b. Dwight Chaser spoke in favor of the continued existence of the CBC. Dwight noted that he had used it just the past week and said that many researchers will want to use it, as well.

11. NEXT SPEAKER. Vice President Dale Gaul announced that Brandon Gray will speak at the March 1 meeting on Hooded Warbler parental behavior.

12. SPEAKER. Vice President Dale Gaul introduced KBC member Anna Koslenko, who spoke on her research on bird banding in Siberia.

13. OBSERVATIONS. Recording Secretary Tom Romito conducted monthly bird observations for the period January 5 – February 1, 2017.

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

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JAN 5 – FEB, 2017

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SPECIES
Terri Martincic	West Creek Reservation	Merlin
Svetlana	Wendy Park	Cooper's Hawk
Karin Tanquist	Peninsula	Eastern Towhee
Bob Finkelstein	Burke Airport	Snowy Owl
Linda Johnson	Shaker Heights	25 Common Grackles
Fred Dinkelbach	Brecksville	Black Vulture
Mary Anne Romito	Lakewood Park	Merlin