

Kirtland Bird Club
MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2, 2016

1. CONVENING. President David Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Thirty people attended, including guests Wendy Partridge, Ann Billington, Todd Gardner, Dennis Petro, and Dana Meek.
2. MINUTES. Recording Secretary Tom Romito read the February 3 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted with no corrections.
3. TREASURY REPORT. Treasurer Mary Anne Romito announced that we have 122 paid members. Rosters are available for all members.
4. OHIO AVIAN PROJECT INITIATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT. Past President Dwight Chaser, chair of the Ohio Avian Project Initiative Committee, reported on the committee's activities. The committee also consists of KBC members Andy Jones, Susan Jones, Laura Gooch, and Glenn Novotny. One thousand dollars are available annually to award a grant to a deserving researcher. Researchers can apply each year. The committee awarded no grants in 2014 or 2015, and this year is awarding three for a total of \$2828.91. The awardees are Elizabeth Ames, who is studying nesting Prothonotary Warblers; James Wright, who is studying migratory Rusty Blackbirds; and Brandon Gray, who is studying nesting Hooded Warblers. In accordance with our bylaws, Dwight gave us a 30-day notice at our February meeting to authorize an expenditure over \$500. Dwight called for a vote on the recommendation at the March 2 meeting, and the vote passed. Dwight said he would send letters to the three awardees.
5. FIELD TRIPS. Anna Koslenko reported that our February 21 field trip to Avon Lake yielded a variety of waterfowl, most notably Common Merganser, Bald Eagle, Common Goldeneye, and Bufflehead.
6. MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT. Marketing Committee Chair Tom Romito reminded attendees that the annual Shreve Migration Sensation would take place on Saturday, March 12. Tom asked for volunteers to staff a table in the exhibitor's area. Anna Koslenko and Paula Lozano said the event is not worthwhile staffing a table there and recommended doing so at Earth Fest instead.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 - a. Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor Fred Dinkelbach said he has access to the sightings that KBC members post on ebird. Fred says if we haven't posted our 2015 sightings yet that we should do so now so he can use them for the upcoming issue of the Cleveland Bird Calendar.
 - b. Fred Dinkelbach also noted that the Museum parking lot did not issue parking passes when we entered the lot that night. In order to exit the lot without paying the fee, we should tell the attendant that we were at the KBC meeting.
 - c. KBC member Sheila Horowitz announced that KBC would conduct a field trip starting at Caley Reservation on Sunday, March.
 - d. President Dave Dvorak announced that Craig Caldwell would speak at the April meeting.
8. SPEAKER. President David Dvorak introduced KBC member Linda Sekura, who gave a presentation on treatment of invasive plants at Mentor Marsh.

9. OBSERVATIONS. Recording Secretary Tom Romito conducted observations for the period February 4 through March 2.

10. ADJOURNMENT. President David Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 4-MARCH 2, 2016

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SPECIES
Fred Dinkelbach	Brecksville	Black Vulture
Anna Koslenko	Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve	Snow Geese
Paula Lozano	Lakeview Cemetery	30 American Robins
Sheila Horowitz	Cleveland Heights	Barred Owl
Dave Dvorak	Cleveland Heights	Rusty Blackbird
Todd Gardner	Mogadore Reservoir	Bald Eagle Great-horned Owl