

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 1, 2017**

1. CONVENING. President Dave Dvorak called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Among the attendees was new member Mark Gammon. Dave turned the meeting over to Vice President Dale Gaul.

2. MINUTES. In Tom Romito's absence Susan Jones served as Recording Secretary. Paula Lozano read the February 1, 2017 meeting minutes, which the membership present accepted without any corrections.

3. FINANCES. There was no financial report due the absence of Treasurer Mary Anne Romito..

4. FIELD TRIPS.

a. Dale Gaul reported that the field trip on February 19 to the A. B. William Woods of the North Chagrin Reservation of Cleveland Metroparks sighted Black-capped Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Downy Woodpecker and a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers among other species. We were able to hand feed the Chickadees, Titmice and a Red-breasted Nuthatch.

b. Dale Gaul reported that KBC's next field trip will be at Sandy Ridge Reservation, Lorain County at 9:00 AM on Sunday, March 26, 2017.

5. OHIO AVIAN PROJECT INITIATIVE (OAPI). OAPI chair Dwight Chaser recommended that the Kirtland Bird Club award \$1,000 in grant money to Michele Word for a proposal entitled "Effects of Territory Size and Quality on Nesting Hooded Warblers." The members present voted unanimously to fund this proposal.

6. MEETING PLANNING. Dale Gaul repeated the February 1 announcement that the KBC officers would like to plan a meeting on how to protect birds. Dale said a planning meeting will occur on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Romito's house. A email blast will be sent to all the members approximately 1 week before this meeting as a reminder.

7. Andy Jones mentioned for Harvey Webster that an email will be going out to our membership regarding Lake Erie Nature and Science Center citizen brigade to search for and recover injured/dead birds in downtown Cleveland. Susan Jones subsequently emailed Dale Gaul the following announcement:

Field Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! Each year it is estimated that up to 5.5 million migrating birds are killed by building collisions in the U.S. Although many of us enjoy the beauty of Cleveland's skyline many are unaware of the impact it has on our beautiful migrating birds. By dimming the skyline lights during peak migration we can save hundreds of thousands of birds each year.

We are creating a group of local partnering organizations working together to create awareness about the effects brightly lit buildings have on nocturnally migrating birds and through this awareness we will create change and save migrating birds lives.

We are looking for volunteers to help collect injured and deceased birds from the grounds of downtown Cleveland's buildings during peak migration months (Mid-March- End of May and Beginning September- mid-November). Any live birds will need to be transported to Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for care and treatment through their rehabilitation program. All

deceased birds will be processed by Cleveland Museum of Natural History and used for future educational purposes including data collection to present to owners and managers of the buildings from which they were collected to ask that they cooperate with reducing the impact the buildings have by diming their lights during migration.

An informational meeting will take place at Cleveland Museum of Natural History on Wednesday, March 1st from 6-7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending the informational meeting or if you have an interest in helping with this cause but cannot attend the meeting please email [wildlife@lensc.org](mailto:wildlife@lensc.org).

I thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

8. NEXT SPEAKER. Vice President Dale Gaul announced that Courtney Brennan will speak at the April 5 meeting on “Song Structure and Variation of the Veery in the Appalachian Mountains.”

9. SPEAKER. President Dave Dvorak introduced OAPI recipient Brandan Gray, who spoke on “The Struggles of Rearing Young in the Forests of Southeastern Ohio: A Peek into the Secret Lives of Hooded Warblers,” complete with some very entertaining videos.

10. OBSERVATIONS. Paula Lozano conducted monthly bird observations for the period February 2 - March 1, 2017.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Vice President Dale Gaul adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

## OBSERVATIONS FOR THE PERIOD FEB 2 – March 1, 2017

OBSERVER	LOCATION	SPECIES
Fred Dinkelbach	Brecksville	Black Vulture
Brandan Gray	Athens, OH	Common Grackle
Jean & Dick Hoffman	Lakeview Cemetery	Merlin
Ann & Dwight Chasar	Eastern Meadowlark Northern Shrike	Northfield Streetsboro
Toby	Lower Shaker Lake	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Mark Gammon	Belmont County	Harry Woodpecker
Andy Jones	His Backyard	Barred Owl Fox Sparrow
Karin Tanquist		Dawn Chorus
Anna Kozlenko	Oakwood	2 Red-headed Woodpeckers
Bob Finklestein	Magee Marsh	Saw-whet Owl Northern Shrike
Mickey	Mayfield	Red-tailed Hawk
Claire	Her house	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Claire	Lower Shaker Lake	25 Fox Sparrows
Dave Dvorak	His Apartment	Red-winged Blackbird