

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 1, 2018**

1. CONVENING. Vice President Tom Romito called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in the temporary absence of President Dale Gaul. Thirty-two people attended, including guests Jim Jablonski, president of Black River Audubon Society, and several friends and colleagues of guest speaker Ryan Trimbath.
2. MINUTES. Vice President Tom Romito read the minutes of the April 4 meeting in the absence of Recording Secretary Laura Peskin. The membership approved the minutes with one correction.
3. TREASURY. There was no treasurer's report.
4. FIELD TRIPS. Interim Field Trip Coordinator Tom Romito reviewed the field trip schedule for 2018 and announced that the May 19 field trip would be at Hach-Otis Sanctuary in Willoughby Hills.
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  - a. Marketing Committee Chair Tom Romito displayed KBC's standing upright banner. He explained that he is going to order a wider banner that will allow for more content. He polled the attendees for input and said he would provide that information to a designer. Tom said the banner would cost about \$300 continue the discussion about the banner in September.
  - b. Vice President Tom Romito explained that he is continuing his efforts to "restaff" KBC by recruiting members to fill the positions vice president, field trip coordinator, and program coordinator.
  - c. Vice President Tom Romito drew the audience's attention to a card entitled Native Plants of the Year 2018, produced the Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership for Biodiversity. He asked everyone to pick up five to ten cards before they depart and distribute them in public places such as libraries, coffee houses, and schools.
  - d. Membership Committee Co-Chair Dana Bjorkland announced that the next Birds and Brew event was scheduled for May 6 at Rocky River Nature Center.
  - e. President Dale Gaul drew the audience's attention to an article in May 2018 issue of National Geographic magazine about how birds evolved from dinosaurs.
  - f. President Dale Gaul announced that Matt Valencic would speak at the June KBC meeting on e-Bird.
6. SPEAKER. President Dale Gaul introduced guest speaker Ryan Trimbath, who spoke on A.B. Williams.
7. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.