

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 5/3/23– Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting started at 7:00** PM by Patty Kellner .

33 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

2. – **Welcome.**

A. For those who are not to our group and for our visitors, KBC was established around 1940 as a club for members to share their bird sightings and to learn from one another. Over time KBC evolved into a non-profit organization whose mission is :” To bring together people from Greater Cleveland and beyond - to learn about, enjoy, and support birds through observation, study, and advocacy.”

B. Guests were invited to introduce themselves and tell us how they got interested in birds – invite them to stay at the end of the meeting and ask any questions they might have – and sign up for our newsletter if they’d like to.

C. In addition to local guests, one was on from Jacksonville, FL and one from central Maine.

3.- **Sightings.**

A. Fred Dinkelbach : Heermann’s gull

B. Steve Cogan : Black necked stilt on a nest at Howard Marsh

C. Deborah Kainauskas : There are Wilson's Phalaropes in Jacksonville, FL

D. Judy Schuster: piping plover

E. Mike Sustin : Western Tanager in Geauga county

4.- **Announcements.**

A. field trips

i. Report of 4/22/23 field trip by Paula Lozano: It was the “worst day in April” with only the 2 leaders, the Romitos and one other. There were 24 species seen(including 20 Wilson’s snipes).

ii. upcoming field trip: 5/6/23 at Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve with WCAS and David Lindo(“the Urban Birder”) as special guest.

B. Upcoming KBC Programs: KBC Picnic on Wed 6/7 6-7 PM, BYO food , at Squire Vallevue Farm (37125 Fairmount Blvd, Hunting Valley – east of SOM Center Rd/Route 91.) Details are on the website

C. Volunteer Opportunities:

Help out at our KBC table at CLNP on the following Saturdays: 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20, from 9-11. We will have WKYC on one of these dates. We could use a few extra bodies.

D. Climate Watch is on Sat, June 3rd. National Audubon is involved and MaryAnne Romito is the northeast Ohio coordinator. If you want to know more- send her an E-mail, and she can assign a “square”

- i. From 5/15-6/15: 5 species are selected
- ii. WCAS big day 6/3
- iii. MaryAnne Romito’s email is maryanneromito@gmail.com. Her cell is 216-990-2632

E. The Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland recently announced the celebration of its 100-year anniversary, which will take place from 3 to 8 PM June 3 at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland.

5.- Speaker. Tonight, our speaker will be Sam Bachtel

- A. amateur filmmaker
- B. long-time birder
- C. born and raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- D. By age 10 he was taking photos of birds, frogs, wildflowers, and moths.
- E. Taught himself how to make movies
- F. Earned a degree in Digital, Video, and Media Technology from Stark State College.
- G. He will also show his short video:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=binos+bachtel

6. Business meeting.

A. Recording Secretary report: The April Minutes were reviewed by officers and posted to KBC website. No corrections offered. Motion to approve by

Patty Kellner. The minutes were approved without any opposition. Please submit corrections in advance of our meetings.

B Future meetings:

- i. Our annual picnic Wed June 7th at 6 PM
- ii. Speaker programs will resume in September

7. Adjournment: main meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM