

Kirtland Bird Club
10/4/2023– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM by Patty Kellner at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center
23 people were in attendance.

2. Welcome. To attendees : Welcome to KBC of NEO, I'm Patty Kellner, President. Tonight, our speaker will be Judy Semroc. 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."

People are invited 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 (information was put in chat).

3. Announcements:

A. Upcoming field trip – Sat 10/14 to Sandy Ridge Reservation

B. the Big Sit- Julie West at Shaker Lakes Nature Center: Sunday 10/8/23

C. We are Looking for young birders – upper elementary school-aged kids

D. WCAS has a Bird City Network presentation contact Nancy Howell (njh24425@hotmail.com), selling coffee & delivering(free delivery)! – order by 10/10 on the WCAS website. "Birds and Beans Smithsonian bird friendly coffee".

E. OBCI (Ohio Bird Conservation Initiative)will host the Ohio Avian Research Conference in Columbus. Register on line by10/5/23 for Saturday 10/14 conference.

F. Reminder for those who have not paid that membership dues are due.

G. Please help with publicity – post our flyers online, locally, share with your favorite publications or congregations.

H. Meadow city native plant nursery will be SLNC Saturday

I. November 1- poetry with Nicole Robinson at Loganberry

J. December 6 Chuck Slusarczyk Be our speaker at the Fairmount slide show

- K. In 2024 Andy Jones will be our speaker from S Carolina
- L. There are 3 possible OAPI research presentation topics :
 - i. Prothonotary warblers
 - ii. Henslow's sparrows
 - iii. Kestrels
- M. Books in the back birds of the Cleveland region

4. Speaker: Tonight's speaker is Judy Semroc. She is a former petroleum geologist and science teacher. Judy is the consummate naturalist. She's started organizations for butterflies and bluebirds, authored or co-authored widely-acclaimed field guides on dragonflies and goldenrods, and is in hot demand as a speaker, guide, and surveyor through her company Nature Spark. Contact information:

e-mail: naturespark@gmail.com
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4. Transition:

A. KBC needs to grow

For live meetings, we will send fliers attached to e-mails Members can print these out and put up in places birders may see:

Churches

Libraries (leave a stack?)

B. Thank speaker and audience – stay to talk to us if you wish

C. Next meeting will be Wed November 1st at Loganberry Books, speaker will be Nicole Robinson

5. – Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM **** somehow I did not record the time – not sure if this is correct.

