

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 10/6/2021– Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting started at 7 PM** by Patricia Kellner .

35 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

2. –**Announcements:**

A. Field Trip Coordinator-Paula Lozano- past and upcoming field trips:

i. Saturday 9/18/21 Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve, 53 species (including a Mourning warbler). It was a beautiful day.

ii. Upcoming :

a. 10/18 8:15 AM Sandy Ridge Reservation

b. 11/18: Wendy Park

c. All are on the KBC website

B. Membership- Memberships in KBC are \$20 for an individual or \$30 for a family membership. We jhave20 new members for the 2021 year and ½ of our old members have rejoined. Patty put a link in the chat. One can pay through PayPal.

C. Possible name changes for Kirtland Bird Club- stay after the speaker to discuss this.

D. Advocacy news: The planning commission approved a \$3 million CHEERS plan (this does not imply funding).

i. <https://www.thelandcle.org/stories/planning-commission-approves-300m-plan-to-redevelop-the-citys-east-side-lakefront>

ii: There will be a public meeting on the Irishtown Bend plan update.

a. Where: Merwin’s Wharf, 1785 Merwin Ave., Cleveland

b. When: 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13.

c. Text 216-242-4416 to get updates on the Irishtown Bend Project

d. <https://www.cleveland.com/news/2021/09/first-look-new-plans-for-irishtown-bend-park-depict-a-project-poised-to-shift-from-vision-to-reality.html>

E. Julie West's "Big Sit" 10/10/21- You can pledge to support Julie and her team. Funds are used to purchase bird-banding equipment, as well as supporting other research and educational programs related to birds at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center. Her e-mail is jwest@ameritech.netg . You are welcome to come.

F. November KBC programs- still in the works.

G. Black Swamp Bird Observatory is restarting its pelagic boat trips. Registration will be live soon. This leaves from the Flats and may cover the last 2 miles of the river and harbor. It may go out further if weather permits.

3. Speaker: Matt Valencic. He is a birder, photographer and educator from Geauga County. He is also the chair of the Education Committee at Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland (where he is on the Important Bird Area and Newsletter Committees), and a KBC member. His topic is : plants for birds and Pollinators.

4. Business meeting:

A. Possible name change.

i. Because many people think "Kirtland Bird Club" is located in Kirtland Ohio.

ii. We would need a formal proposal 1 month before a vote, if we decide to proceed.

iii. some proposals:

a. Bird Club of Northeast Ohio (BCNEO)
(Formerly Kirtland Bird Club)

b. Cleveland Region Bird Club (CRBC)
(Formerly the Kirtland Bird Club)

c. Kirtland Bird Club of the Cleveland Region (KBCC)

d. Kirtland Bird Club of Northeast Ohio (KBCNEO)

e. Northeast Ohio Bird Club (NEOBC)
(Formerly Kirtland Bird Club)

f. Society of NE Ohio Ornithologists (SNEOO)
(Formerly Kirtland Bird Club)

B. Patty met with Volunteers unlimited about increasing membership and diversity.

i. Consider having a presence on Instagram

- ii. Consider a name change (see above)
- iii. Andy Jones mentioned that nationally , there is no effective approach to getting young birders. We could have events with Ohio Young Birders Club.
- iv. other suggestion to increase membership included :
 - a. Doing something in smaller community parks.
 - b. Have and activity at the entrance to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve.
 - c. We might approach Shaker Lakes Nature Center about being involved in some of their activities.

5.- Upcoming meeting :

Next meeting November 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Speaker: TBD

6. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM