

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**12/7/2022– Meeting Minutes**

**1. Meeting started at 7 PM** by Patricia Kellner on Zoom  
41 Screens were signed on.

**2.-Welcome.** To our speaker tonight will be Kyler Sonney.

**3. Announcements:**

A. Membership: Attendees were told that if they haven't renewed their membership, they will need to do that to keep receiving Zoom links. Our grace period ends on 1/1. We will be sending an email to those who have not renewed in the next week.

B. Committee reports: NEOhio, ASGC , WCAS, and KBC Bird Coalition are anticipating a meeting in January around the following possible topics:

- i. Legislation for bird-friendly windows .
- ii. Participation in design of new developments to be bird friendly .
- iii. How Park Commissioners are chosen in Ohio.

C. Field Trip Reports & Upcoming Field Trips – Paula Lozano

i. Report: The November trip was the Cleveland Lakefront, starting in Rocky River Park and going to 4 locations along the lakeshore. There were ducks, grebes, thousands of red breasted mergansers and 2 barred owls.

ii. Upcoming ( details to be posted soon on website):

- a. 1/7/23 at 9 AM Geauga County backroads with Matt Valencic. Details will be on our website.
- b. 2/11/23 Rocky River Nature Center with Bill Deininger and his group.
- c. 3/26/23 Sandy ridge Reservation at 8:30 AM with Tyler McClain.

D .Upcoming KBC programs:

- i. January: Date TBA. Mary Anne Romito will talk about Audubon's Climate Watch . This program is due to over 300 bird species being at risk. 1/15-2/15 are the dates for the winter program. The program has divided USA into 10x10 km squares. If you want to participate contact Mary Anne:

Climate Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odMMa6GGAOo>

ii. January . There may be a second program. This is not yet determined.

iii. February 1: Anna Kozlenko on the Galapagos

E. Sightings: On Lake Erie: eared grebe, kittiwakes ( Wendy Park. Note: there is construction on the road there. Starting 12/5 the road may be closed for 60 days. It may be day by day and might be postponed.). Also seen :black headed gull( Edgewater and Wendy Park) red neck grebes ( CLNP) red throated loon (Sims) and long tailed duck.

**3. Speaker:** Kyler Sonney is an Erie native, was into herpetology as he entered college, but got into birds in college during a course that was challenging and he's been into birds (as well as all other forms of wildlife) ever since. He graduated from Penn State with a degree in Wildlife Biology and has worked in both the research field and in environmental education, most recently as lead seasonal naturalist at Glacier National Park. He returned to the Cleveland area to be with his fiancé and is now working as a seasonal naturalist at Brecksville. In fact, he'll be giving a new birder talk there this Friday night Brecksville Metropark as a part time naturalist. He will have a warbler program coming up( check the Metropark website).check Metropark website.

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#### **4. Business meeting:**

A. Facebook- We have 2 Facebook accounts: KBC and KBC group. The KBC group account is "private". We get too much spam on the plain KBC account and will deactivate it ( it can always be reactivated at a future date), while keeping the group account open. Fred Dinklebach offered to connect Anna to Susan Carpenter, who hosts the Summit County group, to learn how they use their Facebook account.

B : Upcoming Meetings: We are waiting to hear back from Chuck Slusarczyk about a Jan meeting. Mary Anne Romito will do a KBC presentation in January - either at the monthly meeting (if Chuck declines our invitation) or another date. Dates for one or two KBC presentations are TBD.

C Data Storage: Judy Schuster, Mary Anne Romito and Ken Vinciguerra will look into this.

D. Field trip registration: to be used by anyone who wants to know if the trip is canceled ( anyone can still go on a field trip by showing up without registering).

E. Newsletters: - The next Newsletter won't be ready to go until we have January dates set - Julie is doing an article on Birdability but won't have it done for at least a week. We'll include the 3 upcoming field trips. Patty will write a President's letter.

F. Recording Secretary's report: Meeting minutes for October and November meetings have been reviewed by the officers and posted to the website. Motion to approve made by Patty Kellner, and seconded by Paula Lozano. The minutes were approved.

G. Christmas Bird Count: Given the lack of interest in having a KBC specific event around the bird count, the decision was made to not have a Zoom or in person gathering after the count. Instead, we'll ask Laura Gooch to give us a report at one of our January meetings. Patty will remove any mention of a gathering from posts and future emails.

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**8 – Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM