

Kirtland Bird Club
3/2/2022– Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting started at 7 PM by Patricia Kellner .

A maximum of 57 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

2.-Welcome. To our speaker tonight, Sameer Apte, and to Donna Friedman, Watershed Team Leader from NEORSD, who is here to ask for our input on the transformation of a shallow lake in Parma to a wetland.

3. –Announcements:

A. Poem: read by Liz McQuaid. “There Will Come Soft Rains” by Sara Teasdale

B. Ukraine: Our thoughts go out to KBC member Ukrainian-born Lukas Padegemas and his family here and in Ukraine – and to all the Ukrainian people both in Ukraine and around the world. Birder/photographer Gabe Leidy, whose wife is Ukrainian, is fundraising through purchases of his photos to support Cleveland Maidan organization (Maidan is the name of Independence Square in Kiev). 100% of the sale price will be donated. Maidan is a non-profit raising money for medical supplies and weapons for Ukraine. Some of these funds will support a Cleveland-trained urologist Dr. Laura Bukavina, who has gone to the Poland-Ukraine border with medical supplies to provide medical care for Ukrainian refugees.

Gabeleidyphotography.com

C. Linda Johnson, longtime KBC club member and champion of Shaker Lakes, died recently. The KBC made a donation in her memory to Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

D. Field trip report: Backroads of Geauga County Snow-covered roads and blowing snow obscuring visibility were the dominant feature of this field trip, but the group got looks at a number of species. Patty described it as Geauga county- cars in a field with snow. The group had One good look at horse-drawn Amish manure spreader. Fields where manure has been spread attract Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and Lapland Longspur, but only the first was seen.

E. Upcoming Field trips

i. Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 9:00 am
Cleveland Lakefront Reservation: Scranton Flats/Peninsula
Leader: Nancy Howell

ii. Saturday, April 16, 2021 at 7:30 am
Bedford Reservation - Leader: Fred Losi

F. New member contact: This will be done by Christi Carlton, Vice President

G. Changing the bird club name: Member survey was helpful, as 75% voted to change the club name to : “ Kirtland Bird Club of North East Ohio”

H. Member directory: 30 members have agreed to be listed. This is an “opt-in” choice. If interested, let us know. We would like a name, e-mail address, photo, address, phone number, and twitter handle if you have one.

I. Anna Kozlenko has published the spring newsletter.

J. Andy Jones has taken a job in S Carolina, and we will meet at the Shaker Lakes Nature Center pavilion 9-11 Saturday March 5 for a farewell celebration. Presentation to Andy @ 10 AM rain or shine. Julie West is organizing with Christie Carlson.

i. Lights Out Cleveland will be taken over by Cleveland Metroparks.

K. Announcements from Other Clubs:

i. Ohio Ornithological Society Warblers & Wildflowers Weekend - Shawnee State Park from April 29 - May 1. Registration will go live very soon

ii. Black Swamp Bird Observatory: - Biggest Week in American Birding May 15-16 Magee Marsh area.

iii. Mat Valencic Valencic: Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland : 3/17 Lisa Rainsong will talk about songs from the pond- amphibians April 21 – warblers warm up via Zoom- good for new birders

iv. Last 3 Sundays in April are the start of the Spring Bird Walks

L. the KBC Calendar is up on our website.

4. Speaker Program:

A. tonight: Pittsburgh cellist , and Cleveland birder, **Sameer Apte**, speaking on Bird Song in Music, specifically the 20th century French composer Olivier Messiaen.

B April 6: **Gautam Apte** on “Weather and Migration – Target Birds and Birding”

5. Business Meeting.

A. Committee reports: OAPI – Dwight Chasar , Laura Gooch and Andy Jones- on the Ohio Avian Project Initiative presented a proposal for funding. The a grant proposal was made by Genelle Uhrig from The Wilds. The proposal is about nesting American Kestrels, which are decreasing in population. The Wilds is a reclaimed strip mine in mid-Ohio. They propose to set up telescoping mounting poles for nest boxes. \$1000+ for 3 telescoping poles. Automatically seconded as it is a committee. Majority had “ thumbs up” and no thumbs down. Motion passed.

B. Donna Friedman from NEORSD watershed team leader gave a presentation on redesigning Upper Ridgewood Basin to reduce stormwater run off by replacing a man-made lake with other water-retaining habitats. KBC members provided input on ways to attract native species of birds.

C. Rob Swindell, President of Black River Audubon Society gave the history of the effort to save this area from development. Cromwell Park in Loraine Lorain County will probably become a go-cart course, despite the EFFORTS OF birding community arguing for leaving it natural.

6. Recording Secretary report: Minutes for Dec 1 2021 and Jan 5 2022 were approved

7. Treasurer’s Quarterly report:

A. Membership: we are at 172+ members

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM by Patty Kellner