

**Kirtland Bird Club**  
**4/6/2022– Meeting Minutes**

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

A maximum of 83 screens were online on the ZOOM platform

**2.-Welcome.** To our speaker tonight, Gautam Apte . He will get his undergrad degree at the OSU this spring, when he will have a BS in Forestry, Fisheries, and Wildlife Science. Gautam has the distinction of having the second most registrations for a KBC talk - Andy Jones holds the record!

**3. Announcements:**

A. Patty reported that long time club member and former President Bert Szabo died recently at age 101.

B. Upcoming Field trips ( also on our calendar:

<https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/calendar.html> )

i. Saturday, April 16, 2022 at 7:30 am

Bedford Reservation : Hemlock Creek Picnic Area - Leader: Fred Losi.  
Target species: Louisiana waterthrush.

ii. Saturday, May 7 , 2022 at 8:00 am

Station Road, Cuyahoga Valley National Park - Leader: : Fred Dinkelbach.  
Target species: Yellow-throated Warbler.

iii. An additional field trip is possible - long-time member Bill Toneff is still hanging in at age 102 . Karin Tanquist and Susan Jones will try to plan an opportunity to “Bird with Bill” later this Spring in Hudson where he lives . It will be a fairly last minute plan (both weather-dependent and Bill-dependent) and it will be a one point experience, in keeping with Bill’s abilities, though we might add on some other sites afterwards

C. Bird Coalition update and progress. This will be open to new members to discuss after meeting. If anyone wants to be notified when we do something with the coalition, please add your name in the chat.

D. Lights Out: Western reserve land conservancy will have lights out recorded as well as Black Swamp Bird Observatory.

#### E. Member Directory :

- i. It is still in the works - no time, no progress on getting it out.
- ii. We have a few member photos – we could use more
- iii. To be part of the directory: members are welcome to submit name, address, email, phone, twitter handle, and head shot
- iv. At this point the directory will only be shared with people who are included in it – We are hoping everyone will want to be included.

#### F. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations:

- i. ASGC: has a lot of upcoming programs as well as warbler warm up with Mat Valensic and Kelly Kzlowski
- ii. WCAS: spring Audubon Bird Walks every Sunday for 6 weeks!! These start April 10, and are listed on our calendar. Many locations. Rain or shine.

### 4. Speaker Program:

A. tonight: Longtime Cleveland birder, **Gautam Apte**, speaking on “Weather and Migration- Target Birds and Birding.”

B. May 4 : Courtney Brennan, Senior Collections Manager at CMNH

- i. Will talk about the specimen collection at CMNH (a substantial proportion from Light Out Cleveland’s collecting efforts)
- ii. Will bring specimens that we can examine
- iii. Will do a specimen prep while we watch.

### 5. Business Meeting.

A. Sherwin Williams building- They have already bought the glass. Joyce Wong, city of Cleveland planner feels there is not much we can do. In the future the city may consider a bird friendly glass ordinance. She may propose mitigation ( decals before glass goes up). She suggests advise, and don’t antagonize. Another option is if their employees protested against bird strikes. Find a way so that we can meet with the community relations.

Patty : what exactly do I do with :”Kery mccormik. .Rebecca moore jenny spener, daryl hairston ( cheers area councilman)”

- B. Black River Audubon Society effort to save this Cromwell Park from development has had some success. They identified a problem with the developer ( so the county is no longer using that developer). It is possible that **West River land conservancy** will buy that land.

6. **Recording Secretary report:** not done

7. **Treasurer's Quarterly report: not done.**

8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM by Patty Kellner  
Next meeting is May 4 will be live at Lakewood Woman's Pavilion – on Lake Ave -  
in Lakewood at 7 PM