

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEMBER MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 3, 2018

1. CONVENING: Pres. Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:43 p. There were 38 people in attendance including the evening's speaker, Sarah Mabey

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

i. Dues report by Treasurer Mary Ann Romito
33 paid memberships at the following rates: \$20 single; \$30 couples; \$10 students

ii VP Tom Romito / Marketing Committee Report: Banner

Tom relayed that there are three present issues with the KBC banner used in large buildings to direct attendees or to flank the KBC table at multi-group events:

a. Do we need or want a new banner? If so, Tom proposed 36" in width, new graphic art and new background design.

b. Is a new banner worth the \$300 cost? All-Kinds-of-Signs in Westlake handles.

c. Permission issue from photographers, whose images the KBC is considering using

One attendee suggested rewording and a using poster format for event tables; a couple others suggested that we not get a new banner for the purpose of directing attendees to KBC meetings in large facilities. Someone clarified that the banner is impossible to see depending on placement. A couple of attendees wanted clarification of banner purpose, such as attracting more members.

Tom postponed further discussion to a further date.

Dale reminded attendees that whole purpose of taking so much time at a members' meeting for a discussion about a banner was that KBC rank and file member approval is required on all club purchases over \$250

iii. Field Trip Reports

a. Newsletter editor Anna Julnes spoke about the Hach-Otis, Willoughby Hills field trip with 3 KBC participants, as well as attendees from other groups.

b. Tom mentioned the Firestone Metropark field trip in 6/2018, and that no one showed up for it. Because of that problem, Ed Pierce contacted Tom, he reported.

c. Tom informed that a substitute field trip occurred on 9/22/2018. That was a Western Cuyahoga Audubon partnered field trip to the Lake Erie and Nature and Science Center in Bay Village. The reason for the substitution was too high water for shorebirds at the originally scheduled destination: LaDue Reservoir. Subodh Patel reported on the substitute trip and noted the species seen included Belted Kingfisher among others.

d. Tom announced an upcoming field trip 10/7/ 2018 , 9a to Erie Street Cemetery.

iv. Volunteers/ Trustees

Leslie Mapes responded to Tom's solicitation for volunteers, he indicated, and that she offered to be corresponding secretary, a position the duties of which is largely contacting members delinquent on dues

The KBC Board of Trustees has now expanded, Tom reported, to include an Officer at Large position that has been awarded to CMNH Ornithologist Andy Jones.

v. Sister organization speaker announcement: Akron Audubon (10/23/2018) and Western Cuyahoga Audubon (12/4/2018) were set to have upcoming speaker Craig Caldwell/ present, "To the Edge of the Earth: Nome, Barrow, and Bering Sea Islands," Caldwell reported.

vi. Big Sit: Julie West announced that the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Big Sit would occur midnight to dusk, Sun. 10/14/2018. It would feature food, fun and a couple different pledge option, she stated.

viii. Smithsonian Bird friendly-certified coffee: Karin Tanquist said she overordered such coffee from Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. She wondered if others would buy/ take the extra, and that she had it with her at the meeting.

ix. Ohio Avian Project (OAP) initiative

Dwight Chasar said in his capacity as OAP coordinator, that he is soliciting grant money recipients for the \$1,000 KBC contributes to these grants annually. He continued that the program is as usual, fully operational and accepting applications, but noted that for the past few years, no one has applied for the funding.

x. CMNH Sponsored Field Trips:

CMNH ornithologist Andy Jones announced that on 1/13/2019, there will be a field trip to Ft. Myers/ Florida Keys/ Homestead/ Ding Darling Preserve, Sanibel Island.

Jones reminded attendees that CMNH membership is needed to get the lowest rate on the trip, and that brand new members are eligible to go on CMNH trips at those rates.

xi. Conference

Dale reminded attendees about the upcoming Ohio Avian research Conference to be held at Denison University, 10/ 20/2018 and gave the early registration deadline. Dale conveyed that the conference's slate of speakers could be found at its website.

3. UPCOMING KBC MMONTHLY MEMBER MEETING SPEAKERS

Dale informed that Jim Tomko will present Owls of Ohio 11/2018.

4. GUESTS: Zack, Egan and Liz, all students at Hiram College, acknowledged their attendance.

5. MINUTES: Recording Secretary Laura Peskin read the 9/6/2018 minutes; approved with *CBC* Editor Fred Dinkelbach's correction of word "wildlife" to "bird," in relation to a CVNP survey held earlier in 2018.

6. SPEAKER: Sarah Mabey, Ph.D, "A Birds' Eye View: Avian Sensory Perception"

7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

--Laura Peskin, Recording Secretary