

# **KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB**

## **MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

1. CONVENING: Pres. Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. at CMNH. Forty people were in attendance including Judy Semroc, the night's speaker.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: VP Romito called for members to run for office; he stated that a field trip coordinator was needed. He continued that he wanted field trips to alternate between the north, south, east and west sides of town. Then he read off some of the already-scheduled winter/ spring upcoming field trips.

VP Romito also announced that all members would shortly be receiving a letter about the future of the office of KBC Treasurer. He remarked that the present Treasurer, Mary Anne Romito, has served a huge 25 years! VP Romito went on to explain how her replacement(s) would ideally divvy up the task because the present Treasurer does work of several people.

Karen Tanquist supplied the sad news that longtime member Eleanor Elder has passed away, She eulogized Elder, mentioned her great expertise, and 10 year residence in Seattle, WA, from where she maintained her KBC membership. Micky Lewin added that Elder's children are accepting donations to Holden Arboretum in her name.

VP. Romito next announced September 2018's proposed Jen Brumfield/ Local Patch boat trip. He stated that the trip will be eight hours long, with a 35 person boat capacity, and 8am launch from Pt. Clinton, OH. He mentioned the price as \$85/ person and jaegers as the target species. VP Romito added that no precise date for the trip had yet been chosen.

3. SOCIAL ACTION: Trustees reported that KBC is sending a letter to Mohican State Forest opposing pending clear cuts; trustees went on that said letter was in the rear of the meeting room, where members are welcome to sign it.

4. GUESTS: Judy Semroc.

4. MINUTES: Recording Secretary Laura Peskin read 10/4/2017 minutes; membership approved the minutes.

6. FIELD TRIPS. Field Trip Leader Irene Krise reported on the 10/7/2017 trip to mentor Marsh: Wake Robin. She noted the following highlights: a not-super-cooperative LeConte's Sparrow seen by most on in attendance; Merlin chasing Redwings. Then Krise mentioned that the trip also explored the new Headland boardwalk, where warblers were seen. President Gaul announced that the next field trip would be 9 am, 11/19/2017 to Bradstreet Landing and possible additional sites; it will be a joint field trip with the Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society. Finally Gaul mentioned the December field trip on 12/16/2017, and that, as usual, it would consist of the Christmas Bird County.

7. SPEAKER: Judy Semroc spoke on declining Chimney Swift populations

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.