

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 1, 2018

1. CONVENING: Pres. Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. at CMNH. Twenty-nine people were in attendance including Dave Kriska , the night's speaker.

2. TREASURER: Current Treasurer, MaryAnne Romtio, informed all that January is dues payment month . She notified attendees that 33 members still owed. In unrelated Treasurer business, Maryanne announced that books/ CDs benefiting KBC were for sale in the rear of the room. Additionally, she went on, various items of Perry Peskin's were presently available in exchange for a KBC donation.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Treasurer MaryAnne clarified that the VA Hospital Garage in close proximity to CMNH offers free parking.

Dave Kriska and the Mentor Marsh staff in attendance announced that they supplied free coffee and water to this evening's meeting.

President Dale Gaul stated that as requested, in response to the CMP acquisition of 100 acres in the Brecksville Reservation, he indeed wrote a letter on behalf of the KBC, applauding that move.

President Gaul conveyed that next month's speaker will be Tobin Hieronymus, discussing the anatomy and genetics of bird wings.

4. GUESTS: Becky Derrish, Mentor Marsh board; Ellen Johnson; Becky Donaldson, Mentor Marsh naturalist; Abe from the City of Mentor

5. MINUTES: Recording Secretary Laura Peskin read 12/7/2017 minutes; membership approved the minutes with exception that Luka Padegmias was presently located on the island nation of Chuuk.

6. FIELD TRIPS. Interim Field Trip Leader Tom Romito broadcast the upcoming trips as follows:

1/13- Nimisila Reservoir (Jon Cefus, leader)

VP Romito showed a route map to the reservoir and mentioned that the newsletter and website have the same map and directions.

2/18 - Avon Power Plant, (Tim Colborn, leader)

3/17-Shreve Migration Sensation;

3/25- LaDue (Matt Valencic, leader)

4/28- Columbia Reservation, Lorain Metroparks (Rich Kassouf, leader)

5/23-Firestone Reservation in the Akron Metroparks system (Jim Reyda, leader)

6/23- Hach Otis (John Lillich, leader)

Sept. [date TBA } Local Patch Boat trip (leader:Jen Brumfield) 35 people max, KBC is hoping as many as possible will be CMNH members

9/22- Ladue Reservoir (Matt Valencic, leader)

Oct. [date TBA] Erie Street Cemetery. VP Rmito explained that this spot is the go-to location for warblers that month of the year.

Nov.[date TBA] Cleveland Lakefront, gulls being the target species

Dec. Christmas counts (Andy Jones)

7. SPEAKER: President Gaul introduced Dave Kriska who gave talk entitled "History, Tragedy and Recovery of Mentor Marsh"

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.