

## **KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB**

### **MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

1. CONVENING: Pres. Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:45p. There were 30 people in attendance including the evening's speaker, Tobin Hieronymous

2. ANNOUCEMENTS:

Suzanne Aldridge spoke briefly on bird-friendly coffee. She suggested attendees order direct the Smithsonian-certified Bird Friendly coffee: brand name Birds and Beans; she explained that if attendees bought the coffee through her or a special website, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society receives 5% of the proceeds and that purchasers save over retail. Aldridge had brewed coffee on hand in biodegradable cups for attendees to sample.

Dwight Chasar reported on the Ohio Avian Project Committee that he heads for the purpose of awarding KBC grants of up to \$1,000 to qualified researchers. He informed that no 2018 award would be disbursed because no one responded to the committee's request for papers.

CMNH ornithologist Andy Jones announced that the museum would be hosting the Ohio Natural History Conference on Sat. 2/24/ 2018, representing the first time the museum has ever hosted this conference. Jones pointed out the keynote speaker would be from the important Biodiveristy Heritage Library program. Jones continued that said conference was still looking for speakers and those from KBC and local birding organizations were welcome to apply.

President Gaul reminded attendees that 2018 is the centennial of the Migratory Bird Act, and brought up that to commemorate the occasion. upcoming *National Geographic* issues would feature articles on birds.

President Gaul announced the March, 2018 speaker for the KBC Members' Meeting,

3. GUESTS: David Naughton, Miami, FL; Suzanne Aldridge, Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society; Kathy Smith.

4. MINUTES: Recording Secretary Laura Peskin read 1/3/2018 minutes; membership approved the minutes with the correction that Lukas Padegimas currently lives/ works in the Federated Micronesian State of Chuuk.

5. FIELD TRIPS.

Interim Field Trip Chair Tom Romito reported on the January field trip:

This 1/13/ 2018 trip to Nimisila Reservoir to be led by John Cefus was called off by him due to foul weather. Instead, some of the would-be trip goers made reconnaissance of the Downtown Flats and saw many gulls at Jefferson Street, a location about which interim Chair Tom provided literature in the rear of the meeting room at the evening's meeting.

Interim Chair Tom broadcast the following upcoming field trips:

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)

5/19- Hach Otis Audubon Sanctuary, Lake County (John Lillich, leader)

6/23-Firestone Reservation, Akron Metroparks system (Jim Reyda, leader)

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

9/22- Ladue Reservoir (Matt Valencic, leader) fall migration, shorebirds and seasonal changes in avian life throughout the seasons being the focii at this fascinating birding spot

Oct. [date TBA] Erie Street Cemetery (MaryAnne Romito, leader), this spot being the go-to location for fall warblers

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

Dec. Christmas counts (CMNH Ornithologist Andy Jones, coordinator)

Interim Chair Tom illustrated with a map that all parts of the KBC's seven-county area are being covered by the field trip schedule.

## 6. SPEAKER

Tobin Hieronymous: "How Birds shape the Air: the Structure and Function of Bird Wings"

## 7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.