

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 7, 2018

1. CONVENING: Pres. Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:48p. There were 33 people in attendance including the evening's speaker, James Wright

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- i. LaDue Logging: Anna Julnes reported on a proposed LaDue Reservoir 400+ tree removal program, a pilot logging project, which is a revenue measure for the City of Akron, the reservoir's owner. Anna listed Linda Sekura as the contact with more information. Dale mentioned 3/15/2018 meeting on the logging issue in Adams Hall, 11455 Washington St., Auburn Twp., OH. A KBC Member mentioned that Auburn Township gives information on their webpage, and includes a letter from the Ohio EPA. There is also an independent Facebook page: "Logging LaDue."
- ii. Dana Bjorklund of the membership team announced a new type of outing called Birding and Brews, and introduced the concept of leaderless peer birding. She said that on 3/31/2018 at NCSL, attendees would first bird and then grab breakfast/ snacks/ coffee
- iii. Dale broadcast the Epic Migrations feature in the March, 2018 National Geographic, where the Marbled Godwit was spotlighted and an informative poster offered in the print edition of the magazine.
- iv. Biodiversity Heritage Library website: A KBC officer reported that Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) ornithologist Andy Jones had met with the administrator of that website and discussed uploading the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* there as an CMNH effort, or alternately placing the *Cleveland Bird Calendar* at the SORA website, an online resource that these minutes will explain short order. Dale stated that the Biodiversity Heritage Library consists of pooled efforts of Field Museum and other top natural history museums, as well as the Missouri Botanical Garden and similar entities. The Biodiversity Heritage Library has taken high resolution images of every periodical/ book in the libraries of the mentioned institutions, made the images into pdfs, and placed them on the Internet, meeting attendees learned. Those present were also enlightened that all aspects of natural history are represented in the Biodiversity Heritage Library, not only ornithology.

As previously stated, SORA, or the Searchable Ornithological Research Archive, a service of the University of New Mexico, is also a candidate for an online repository of the full run of *Cleveland Bird Calendars*, a trustee reported at the meeting. SORA generally posts full runs of birding publications present in the university of NM library collections such as *The Auk* and *Wilson Bulletin*, meeting attendees were informed.

- v. Dale announced March's speaker as Elizabeth Ames

3. GUESTS: Bill Fuller, Cleveland Heights;

4. MINUTES: Recording Secretary Laura Peskin read 2/7/2018 minutes; membership approved the minutes

5. FIELD TRIPS.

Dale relayed the February trip to Avon and the Lorain Impoundment where Glaucous and Iceland Gulls were seen at both locations on this well-attended trip.

Dale publicized the March, 2018 field trip, the annual Shreve Migration Sensation, in 2018 held March 17. He added that cost should not be a deterrent, as all outdoor events are free, the only charge being for indoor events held at the school for a cost of \$15.

6. SPEAKER: James Wright, a world-travelled field technician, engaged in OSU grad. Studies, gave a presentation entitled "Migration Ecology of ... the Declining Rusty Blackbird"

The speaker's introduction included online links at which to review Wright's research:

rustyblackbird.org. This includes Wright's thesis.

Wright's intermittent field blog can be found at Christophertonra.com. That is the website of the Tonra Lab of Avian Ecology.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:34p.m.