

KIRTLAND BIRD CLUB

MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

1. CONVENING: VP Dale Gaul called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. at CMNH. Thirty-six people were in attendance including Jim McCormac, the night's speaker.
2. GUESTS: Doreen Webster, Dave and Serie Zimmerman, Carl Eimer, and Mike Droszcz attended the meeting.
3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS: President Dale Gaul announced that Tom Romito is the new Vice President, Laura Peskin is the new Recording Secretary and Gretchen Larson is the new Corresponding Secretary. Dale said that previous Field Trip Coordinator Lukas Padegimas obtained a law degree and is about to take a position outside the area, and we need to fill that position.
4. MINUTES: Outgoing recording secretary Tom Romito said he didn't have minutes from the June meeting to read. Dale said there were no minutes because the meeting involved a tour of the Perkins Wildlife Center.
5. FINANCES.
 - a. Treasurer MaryAnne Romito had no report.
 - b. Mary Anne reminded those in attendance that September is dues payment month. She also mentioned the new parking rates and procedure at the Museum. Parking is no longer free, but reduced rates are available for Museum members.
 - c. VP Tom Romito mentioned that a Treasurer is needed to replace Mary Anne. He proposed an ad-hoc finance committee to research relieving any single person of performing all the treasurer duties. Tom said he would chair the committee at his home. Tom said the nature of the meeting would be deciding how treasurer duties could be divided among several people, and that the actual individuals to perform the duties would be recruited later on. Tom polled the membership in attendance for people to serve on the committee. Irene Krise, Dale Gaul, Dick Hoffman, Bob Finkelstein, and Mary Anne Romito agreed to serve.
6. FIELD TRIPS. VP Tom Romito stated that a Field Trip Leader is needed for the September 23 field trip to Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Irene Krise volunteered to be the leader.
7. SOCIAL ACTION. President Dale Gaul mentioned proposed logging in Mohican State Forest and distributed a petitions against such logging that those opposed may wish to sign.
8. SPEAKER: President Dale Gaul introduced speaker Jim McCormac, who spoke on hypothesized intertwined fates of the Passenger Pigeon and Cerulean Warbler.
9. OBSERVATIONS. The membership elected to dispense with observations in favor of an auction by Craig Caldwell of bird books of Africa that guest Mike Drosh donated.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.