

Kirtland Bird Club
3/3/2021– Meeting Minutes

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM** on ZOOM by Patty Kellner, president.

A maximum of 56 screens (of which at least 7 were couples) were signed on.

2. **Brief Announcements:**

A. KBC will do a New Birder Series of programs on zoom – it will parallel the 6-week Spring Audubon bird walks; volunteers are needed to help with photos, recordings, participation, promotion – the series will start in April

B. The Loaner Binocular Fund has grown (loaners for those who come on club outings) to almost \$1000 and the club will match with \$1000. (If we get more donations, we may give binoculars to those who demonstrate sustained interest in birding and can't afford their own. Patty will bring a proposal to next meeting to purchase binoculars. Buster Banish has offered to connect us with a good source for beginner binoculars.

C. Check out our NEO Regional Bird Calendar & our website for upcoming bird and bird-related programs. Thanks to Ken Vinciguerra for his work on the calendar.

D. KBC is supporting Nature Center at Shaker Lakes' plant sale with an ad in their catalog. The plant sale features native plants (which support birds and insects). (More on this below.)

E. There is a 10 % off coupon from Ohio Prairie Nursery, which sells native plant seed. Instructions for planting the seeds are provided with purchases. Type in **kirtland10** at checkout to get 10% off purchase. Offer is valid 04/01/21 through 05/31/21.

3. **Speaker:** Dr. Tim Beatley: "The Bird-Friendly City"

Dr Beatley is a Professor of Sustainability in the Department of Urban and Environmental Planning at the School of Architecture at University of Virginia. His website: <https://www.biophiliccities.org/>. His e-mail : beatley@virginia.edu. This talk was recorded and can be found on our home page. During Q&A, Dr Beatley

was joined by KBC member, David Beach (Founder of EcoCity Cleveland and former director of the GreenCityBlueLake Institute, the sustainability center of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History 2008-2017) to discuss progress in and possibilities for improving sustainability in Cleveland. David Beach talked about a website <https://www.lake-effects.org/>, which he has developed as a platform for progressive ideas for Cleveland. He hopes that progressive ideas raised on the website will be addressed by candidates in the upcoming elections for Mayor and City Council in Cleveland and will encourage adoption of the progressive ideas. David said he is open to input for this website and invited people to submit their ideas through the website and to share the website with others.

4. Other Announcements

A. Committee reports:

i. OAPI - Dwight Chasar presented the OAPI's request for KBC to support a Black Swamp Bird Observatory effort to track prothonotary warblers in spring in the Lake Erie Basin. Researchers will try to trap these warblers from Navarre Marsh, band them, and fit them with transmitters, and then track through MOTUS towers. They plan to track where the birds move around and nest. They hope to learn how the birds get to Canada. Total cost of the project is over \$9000, of which \$1000 has been requested from KBC. KBC has supported bird research projects for over 12 years.

Motion to approve was made and seconded by Steve Cagan. The motion carried as a unanimous decision of the 25 screens signed on at the time. Laura will put a link into chat about MOTUS receivers.

ii. Nominating Committee is open to nominations for board members. Patty is willing to be President one more year.

B. Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations:

i. More on the Shaker Lakes Nature Center Plant Sale. This year the plant sale catalog is available only online, starting on March 22. Pre-ordered plants will all be delivered to the purchasers. The in-person sale is May 8, assuming no pandemic set-backs. The sale of homegrown plants is June 12, in person. The organizers are very eager to involve new people in providing plants for the homegrown sale. Anyone who would like more

information about how to donate plants, how to volunteer for sale preparations or the sale days, or who simply wants more details can go to www.shakerlakes.org or email steve@stevecagan.com

5. Recording Secretary's report: Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed by the officers and posted to KBC website. No corrections. Motion to approve: Dwight Chasar. Seconded by Steve Cagan. The motion passed. Please submit corrections in advance of our meetings.

6. Treasurer's report: Mary Anne was absent. Patty announced we have surpassed last year's membership and our mailing list is up to 500 people. Our financial status is "OK" per Patty, with memberships and the binocular fund. We will need a new place to meet (post Covid) – we'll need good geographic access and an affordable location. The Cleveland Museum of Natural History will not be open in the evening and has raised its charge to us to a level we cannot afford.

7. Next meeting will be 4/7/21 at 7:30 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Ben Winger, speaking about The Evolution of Migration.