

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 8/5/2020– Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting started at 7:30** PM by Patricia Kellner
48+ people were online on the ZOOM platform

2. – **Minutes from July 1, 2020 Meeting** were reviewed and approved by the officers and posted to the KBC website.

- 3.- **Treasurer’s Report:** We have \$17,000 in the bank account. We are down \$800 from last year. We have a deficit of (\$1,700) compared to revenue. The Ohio Avian Project Initiative scholarship is \$1,000, and it cost \$700 to print the Cleveland Bird Calendar. The goal is to hold a membership level to pay for the expenses and more. We are looking at other sources of income and/or a reduction in programs.

4. – **Ohio Avian Project Scholarship:** Dwight Chaser and Andy Lihani are on the Scholarship Committee to select the winner. Jay Wright is last years’ winner. Jay studied Blue Jay’s and their ability to locate acorns that were planted & stored by individual birds. Microchips were inserted into acorns and data collected on the ability of the Blue Jay to hide and recover the acorns, and at what distance this occurs.

5. – **Volunteers, Call to Action!:** The club needs help with the following activities: publicity, membership, write articles, correspondence, recruiting speakers, creating virtual field trip videos, and Bird ID programs. Opportunities range from clerical to field activities to community building.

6. - **Programs:** September – John Barber on *The Value of Native Plants when Feeding Backyard Birds*. October – Steve Cagan and *Conservation Work in Columbia*. Virtual Bird ID Program set for Sunday, August 9th at 7:30 on Shorebirds! Future Bird ID Programs include Confusing Fall Warblers and Ducks. Stay tuned for more information.

7. – **Programs Around Town:** Chagrin River Bird Quest, September 11, 2020 at 4:00 PM to September 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Registration required at www.clevelandaudubon.org.

8.- **New Business:** *Birding While Black Initiative* – Patty met with the group, Black Environmental Leaders to discuss collaboration opportunities. KBC welcomes interested volunteers to engage in this initiative. *Calendar Program* being managed by Ken Vinciguerra will host bird related events in our area presented by compatible organizations.

9. – **Speaker:** **Dr. Joe Blanda**, presents his Big Year and personal story, *Nature Can Heal*.

10. – **Adjournment:** Closing remarks, & meeting was adjourned around 9:20 PM.