1. – **Meeting called to order at** 7:30 PM by Patty Kellner
   57 screens were signed in.

2. – **Introduced:**
   A. From our chat, the following locations were represented:
      1) Canada
      2) Denver, CO
      3) Green Bay, WI
      4) Jacksonville, FL
      5) Iowa
      6) Maine
      7) New Orleans, LA
   B. For newcomer to our group, we invited you to stay at the end of the meeting and ask any questions you might have – and sign up for our newsletter if you’d like: [info@kirtlandbirdclub.org](mailto:info@kirtlandbirdclub.org)

3. - **In honor of Bert Szabo’s 100th birthday,** a picture was taken of multiple screens/people present holding a bird mug.

4. - **Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month’s meeting were posted on website. Motion to approve by Fred Dinkelbach. Seconded by Mary Anne Romito. Minutes were approved. Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting.

5. - **Treasurer Report:** None this month. Patty Kellner mentioned we appreciate and welcome memberships, donations to the club and to the loaner binocular fund, and volunteering of your time.
6. **Quick Bird Photo ID**: anonymous new birder member sighting – 2 photos from Broadview Heights/Richfield border—red shouldered hawk.

7. **Other updates/announcements**:
   A. **Bird Nerds Christmas feeders request** – Christi Carlson has not heard back from Buster Banish. Four of his students want bird feeders for their homes. He is looking for people to contribute financially- If we could raise some money, we could get him some help like a bag of bird feed. Further suggestions:
      1) Matt Valencic- Buster is trying to spread out his requests. Get a squirrel proof feeder.
      2) Get a 50 lb. bag of feed and split is bewteen 3-4 kids.
   B. **Christmas Bird Count**- Andy Jones was not at meeting . It will be Sat 12/19 . We are not encouraging new birders due to COVID-19. Get in touch with leader of your last group. Everyone will be expected to wear masks and keep distance. Patty will check with Andy about evening gathering to share reports – **poll**: 5PM vs 7PM – bring photos to share –  7 PM won.
   C. Patty may try to incorporate a photo sharing and/or story sharing time into our future meetings – poll- one picture OK.
   D. **WCAS Christmas Bird Count**
      1) Nancy Howell: WCAS is having A Christmas Bird Count Bird ID session on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM. They’ll cover some of the tougher bird identifications, discuss areas that need coverage in their Count Circle and get more participants signed up! Or December 7 and how to get information into the complier.
      2) Laura Erikson will speak Dec 13- you have to register – it will be via free conference call “ December book club” as part of their author series – to discuss her book: The Love Lives of Birds, on Sunday, December 13 at 7PM. Laura actually has two books about bird families are very different. **Into the Nest: Intimate Views of the Courting, Parenting, and Family Lives of Familiar Birds** is chock-full of photos and detailed information about bird reproduction. **The Love Lives of Birds** is much more fanciful.
      3) Post Christmas count wrap up in January.
4) To register for Bird ID Session: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-bird-count-2020-bird-id-tickets-129932283959
5) Contact nancyhowell@wcaudubon.org if you want to join the count on Sun 12/27.
6) Small groups and no carpooling, etc.

9. **Speaker:** Laura Erickson – Paula introduced Laura. We recorded . See Above for her books. Laura recommended: saxzim.org. Get the map (which mentions bathroom, gas, and feeding stations). For a tour guide she recommended Erik Brunhke (https://www.naturallyavian.com/), and John Richardson- the naturalist at Hawk Ridge https://www.hawkridge.org/about-us/staff/#:~:text=John%20Richardson%20hails%20from%20East,Interpreter%20and%20Count%20Director%20roles.

Best time to see Owls: early February
(There is a birding festival in non-COVID-19 times in February. Bring an Ice scraper for the school bus windows when they ice up)

Air B&B’s better for the bog, opinion of Tim Colburn

10. **Closing:**

   Thanks:
   
   Our next KBC meeting is Wed 1/6 – Andy Jones will speak - Updates from the world of Ornithology and Andy will report on the results of the KBC Christmas Bird Count.

11. **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM