

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 7/1/2020– Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting started at 7:30** PM by Patricia Kellner and Erica Prange from the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.
63+ people were online on the ZOOM platform

2. – **Collaboration** between the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Kirtland Bird Club, and Royalty in the Making, LLC. Erica Prange moderated and provided an overview for the program.

3. – **Introduced:** Larry Wilson from Blackbrook Audubon.

4. – **Speaker: Najada Davis, filmmaker, “Nature Cinematography: Kestrels in the Hood.”** Documenting the story of the Kestrel pair that nested in Ohio City last summer.

5. – **Participants & information:** Buster Banish of the “Bird Nerds” raised approximately \$7,800 for field trips and Swarovski Optics donated 18 pairs of binoculars to his students.
Nicole Jackson, Co-founder of Black Birders Week.
Kimberly Smith-Woodward, Journey on Younder

6. – **Kirtland Bird Club Meeting** commences around 8:15 pm.

7. – **Sightings, particularly fledglings:** Our sightings, many from our yard or neighborhood, were put on CHAT. Paula Lozano shared a video of fledgling Baltimore Orioles.

8. -**Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month’s meeting were posted on website. MaryAnn Romito made a motion to approve the June minutes. Motion passed via Zoom survey. Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** We have 94 paid memberships, with 119 members. This is up 25% from last year.

11. – **Field Trips reports:** None to report at this time.

12. – **Reports:**

1) KBC Birding While Black Initiative: Group has met twice. Looking at partnering and collaboration opportunities. Nicole Jackson reintroduced herself and spoke of the Ohio State University, Ornithology Department and the work she is doing in Environmental Education and focused research on birdwatching.

2) MaryAnn Romito announced that the Chimney Swift Eagle Scout project, built by Justin Duricky, is finished.

3) Andy Jones announced the Cleveland Museum of Natural History opened to the public today, July 8, 2020. Staff will be walking the halls and visible on the floor to engage with visitors.

4) Patty Kellner announced the Bird Camp scholarship is available. Another scholarship opportunity is the Ohio Avian research grant for bird researchers.

13. – **CHEERS:** A lakefront re-development project; acronym is The Cleveland Harbor Eastern Embayment Resilience Study. A Cleveland Metroparks initiative, along with partners, ODNR, ODOT, City of Cleveland, and Port of Cleveland. The study area includes the eastern portion of Burke airport, to just south of St. Clair Avenue, east to the Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. Four public meetings are planned between now and March 2021. Take the survey:

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/calendar/2020/lakefront/june/cheers-virtual-kick-off>

14 – **Upcoming meeting:**

Next Zoom meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Speaker: Joe Blanda, MD – A Big Year, Lessons Learned

15. – **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM