

Kirtland Bird Club
11/4/2020– Zoom Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM** by Patty Kellner
Maximum of 84 screens were signed in

2. – **Introduction:**

A. Club was founded in 1940 for birders in northeast Ohio to share their bird sightings – before cell phones, before message machines, before internet, before ebirding – new members had to be nominated by existing club members and approved by the membership.

B. Contrast that to today: Highly skilled birders are still central to our club, which operates as a 501c3 nonprofit. Our observations by way of targeted bird surveys like our Christmas Bird Count contribute to scientific knowledge in the field of ornithology, and reporting of our sightings in the field are what the club has done from the beginning,

C. Now we have Instantaneous reporting of sightings (with high quality photos) and online meetings that people from all over the world can attend! From our chat, we had the following locations represented:

- 1) Arizona: Green Valley, Tucson
- 2) California: Long Beach, San Luis Obispo
- 3) Canada: Maberly, Ontario
- 4) Colorado: Crested Butte
- 5) Iowa
- 6) Massachusetts: Hingham- special mention, this was John Kricher, the author of “A Neotropical Companion: An Introduction to the Animals, Plants, and Ecosystems of the New World Tropics”
- 7) Michigan: Birmingham
- 8) Missouri: St Louis
- 9) Montana
- 10) New Jersey: Cape May
- 11) New York
- 12) North Carolina: Greensboro, Old Fort, Wake Forest

13) Ohio: Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Hilliard, Hudson, Shaker Heights, University Heights, Whitehouse.

14) Panama: Altos del Maria

15) Pennsylvania: Neshannock

16) Tennessee: special mention to Cyndi Routledge - Tennessee Ornithological Society Secretary...Clarksville

17) Virginia: Penhook

18) Delaware (city or state not specified)

3. – **Welcome:**

A. Guests were invited to stay for the club meeting after the presentation, to introduce themselves and ask questions

B. Guests were also invited to sign up for our e-mail list, either at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org, or through chat.

4. **Proposal:**

A. KBC will match donations of up to \$1000 total to purchase beginner binoculars and create a loaner binocular collection to be used by new birders during educational bird walks and club field trips when those conditions allow

B. This proposal was made in October, discussed at the October meeting, and to allow more members to participate, a vote was postponed until tonight

C. Dwight Chaser made the motion. Steve Cagan seconded the motion. Time for discussion was offered. Vote was taken. The motion passes 25 “Aye” 0 “Nay”, so the motion carried.

D. donations for binocular fund and/or Kirtland Bird Club can be made at: <https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/donate.html>.

5.- **Speaker (We did record):**

A. Carlos Bethancourt, Topic: "Birding Panama's Hot Spots!" He will be joining us from Panama, where he is Lead Guide and Marketing Manager for Canopy Family, a well-known ecotourism business in Panama. Carlos has been guiding birders, including a few members of the Kirtland Bird Club, to many areas of Panama since 2000.

6. -**Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month's meeting were reviewed by the officers and posted on website, Motion to approve: MaryAnne Romito. Seconded: Patty Kellner. Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting

7.- **Treasurer Report:** 45 members have paid, 61 have not yet renewed. Membership link: <https://www.kirtlandbirdclub.org/become-a-member.html>

8.- **Committee report:** Black Birder initiative- nothing this month, but speaking of underserved communities: During the Biggest Week in American Birding, Carlos Bethancourt helps lead Spanish language walks (as does Paula Lozano) every year. Paula does a walk with Spanish-speaking people (grandmothers to infants) from Adelante Latino Resource Center, a non-profit organization, in Toledo, Ohio. <https://www.adelantetoledo.org/> .

9.- **Other updates/announcements:**

A. Andy Jones wrote the article in Birding Magazine about his work with LightsOut and there was a photo of Bob Finkelstein in the article working on specimen preparation at CMNH

B. Thanks to Anna for a great newsletter. The current issue has:

1) a report on Julie Wests' Big Sit at Nature Center of Shaker Lakes.

2) An article on Bert Szabo as he gets ready to turn 100.

3) An article by Gautham Apte on late fall migrants.

4) New feature: how I became a birder- tell us your story.

C. Survey – in the works

D. We need volunteers: We need help with publicity, website, newsletter, story writing, technology – particularly G-suite and YouTube editing

E. upcoming programs of note: Jen Brumfeld has agreed to do gull ID: check our calendar also.

F. Laura Gooch gave a presentation of CHEERS: **CLEVELAND HARBOR EASTERN EMBAYMENT RESILIENCE STUDY**. The Metroparks are seeking input. There is a survey. You can find out more at the link below:

<https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/about/cleveland-metroparks-organization/planning/cleveland-harbor-eastern-embayment-resilience-stud>

10.- Closing:

- A. Next meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:30 PM on Zoom
- B. Topics: Winter Birds in Minnesota with Laura Erickson and a toast to Bert Szabo

11. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM