

Kirtland Bird Club
Date 10/7/2020 –ZOOM Meeting Minutes

1. – **Meeting called to order at 7:33** PM by Patricia Kellner .
There was a maximum of 44 screens signed in.

2. – **Announcement to those who don't already belong to KBC:**
 - A. You can sign up for newsletter- November; email us at info@kirtlandbirdclub.org
 - B . You are Welcome to make a donation or join- this does help our small club
 - C You can stay for our meeting

3. - **Speaker:** KBC member Steve Cagan.
 - A. Steve is a birder and professional photographer who has been traveling to El Chocó, a Pacific rainforest area in Colombia, since 2003.
 - B. El Chocó faces threats to its rich rainforest and its human cultures. The threats come from mechanized gold mining, indiscriminate logging and industrial agricultural projects. In this region marked also by violence of the civil war and the displacement and death that have been visited upon the communities, Steve works with local communities and organizations that have worked to save the environment, and with the help of committed NGOs, they have won some impressive victories. Steve will share images of some of the birds he has enjoyed seeing in the area and then share some of the ways he has been able to contribute to the efforts to resist and overcome those environmental and social threats.
 - C. His book *The Price of Gold* is available as an e-book and will be out in print, www.proaves.org
 - D. His e-mail :steve@stevecagan.com

4. -**Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month's meeting were posted on website. Corrections: none. Motion to approve made and seconded. Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting

5.- **Treasurer Report:** No formal report was made. Patty mentioned we had a few more members.

6.-**Field Trips : still on hold**

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

A. Committee Reports

1) Black Birder Initiative –

a. KBC has been invited to give a presentation on bird feeding next spring to Black Environmental Leaders (BEL). We need to get more clarity on this request, and are hoping to involve black birders from outside our club. The Bird Nerds, who bird with Buster Banish, may be able to teach/present some material as may Monica Marshall from the Boys & Girls Club and Kim Smith Woodford from Journey on Yonder.

b. Anyone interested in attending speaker programs on Zoom promoted by BEL should get in touch with Patty.

c. Right now KBC members who attend are considered an "ally" .

d. Consider participating in BEL's Arbor Day Event 4/30/21

e. Patty is hoping we can do a joint program for one of our monthly meeting the BEL and KBC>\.

f. CHEERS Project – This is a "year-long community planning process to study and create a plan that will address the physical, ecological, and social resilience of the Eastern Lake Erie shoreline. This study will seek to provide greater public access, connect

residents in underserved neighborhoods to their lakefront, and ensure the long-term sustainability and resilience of the lakeshore and its communities” There are many stakeholders and birds and birders are just some of them. From Black Environmental Leaders we’ve learned that fishing access (including subsistence fishing) is important to the urban community.

B. Upcoming KBC Programs –

1. next month: Carlos Betancourt, Field Guide for Canopy Towers in Panama.
2. other monthly program speakers: Laura Erickson (December), Ben Winger, Ethan Kistler, Jim Bissell, Andy Jones(January Science update), Dwight Chasar
3. Bird ID night - Sun Oct 18th at 7PM with Matt Valencic – on waterfowl – club members will receive a link automatically, others should email info@kirtlandbirdclub.org to receive the link

C . Upcoming Programs of note from other organizations

Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland will have a program on backyard birdfeeders on Thursday 10/15 in the evening – it’s on our calendar

10.- Upcoming meeting : Next meeting 11/4/2020

11. Adjournment: meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM by Patty Kellner