**Kirtland Bird Club**

**Date 5/6/2020– Meeting Minutes**

1. – **Meeting started at 7** PM by Patricia Kellner .

34 people were online on the ZOOM platform

2. – **Introduced:**  Todd Cartner, Justin Duricky, Mary Altpeter ( a former Clevelander),John and Judy Wilkinson .

3. -**Recording Secretary report:** Minutes of last month’s meeting were posted on website . Votes were done by Zoom survey and passed. Reminder: please submit corrections in advance of the meeting.

4.**Sightings** : Our sightings, many from our yard or neighborhood, were put on CHAT.

5.- **Treasurer Report**: We are up to 87 paid memberships, with 109 members. members. Patty had a graph for membership, showing a reverse in the trend of member loss.

6.-**Field Trips reports:** Due to Covid 19 issues, the board felt it was not wise at this time to organize a field trip.

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

A.Old business:

1) Updates. Bob Finkelstein- still at the Gardens, and doing better. He does not have his own telephone, so Paula tries the nursing station first. He will be getting a new cell. Tom Romito is doing better after his shoulder surgery. Clare Johnson fell and broke her wrist, but is doing well now.

B.New business:

1) Cleveland Bird Calendar 2016 is almost ready: How many people want a printed copy (and not an electric copy)? Put your name in CHAT if you want one. It is free to members. We will also put an announcement in the newsletter. Right now it is annual, but when Fred is caught up it will be quarterly. Fred asked if anyone would like to contribute an article.

2) Funding proposal, Justin Duricky presented his Eagle Scout project for chimney swift tower at Mentor Lagoons for $100 ( 12 foot free standing tower) this was moved and seconded. There was an amendment for $200 outright and up to $100 as a match The amendment was voted on, and passed by show of hands. The amended motion was voted on and passed 23-0-0. Amanda Sebrosky will also present this to Western Geauga Audubon.

Justin was also advised to try Black Brook Audubon.

3) Free one year membership for Northeastern chapter of OYBO graduates:

This was voted on 22 in favor -0 against -2abstain .

4) Should we meet over the summer? We could have a speaker, a movie, or sharing only-Patty will review this. The majority wants July and August , and a speaker.

5) The “What Bird is That “proposal. Members were advised to CHAT if interested

6) Annual election of officers ( all officers are running again and are open to challenges from the floor): up for election are:

a. President: Patty Kellner

b. Vice-president: Christi Carlson

c. Recording Secretary Toby Briskin (not voted in, but volunteered in)

d. Corresponding Secretary: Anna Kozlenko (does the newsletter), Fred Dinkelbach (does the new members letters) and other volunteers do the reminder to pay letter, thank you for renewing, etc.

e. Treasurer: Mary Anne Romito

Other volunteer positions:

f. Board Members at large: Andy Jones, Tom Romito

g. Data Base Manager: Ken Vinciquerra

h. Cleveland Bird Calendar Editor: Fred Dinkelbach

i. Field Trip Coordinator: Paula Lozano

A motion was made to accept the slate as listed. This was seconded and the motion was passed.

8.- **Speaker:** **Speaker: Tessa Rinehart, Research associate, U of Pittsburgh Department of Biological Sciences, “Eavesdropping on Birds”**

9.- **Upcoming meeting :**

Next meeting June 3, 2020, Wed 7:30 PM ( 7:30 wil be regular meeting time for now )

Speaker: will be Anne Lacy from the International Crane Foundation, topic:”Sandhill Cranes”

10. **Adjournment:** meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM