

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting

Zoom-based webinar

14 May 2020

**Chapter Executives Present: David H., Jeri W., Randy W., Anne S., Dotty Z.,
Donna P., and Rex R.**

Chapter Executives Absent: Jerry V.

Honored Guests: Maria R., Bill H., Chuck J.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6:15 PM

- I. Call to Order at 6:20 PM
- II. Motion to approve minutes from April meeting – approved as corrected, no further additions or corrections.
- III. Secretary's Report – Randy W.,
 - A. Thank you cards were sent for Leland Schmidt memorial donations
 - B. See Old Business section below for new website discussion.
- IV. President's Report – David H.
 - A. LHAS election report
 1. 15 SurveyMonkey ballots were cast. A .pdf of the election results will be sent with these minutes.
 2. Congratulations to:
 - a. New President: Maria Rundquist
 - b. New Director 4: Jody Moats
 - c. Returning Director 2: Donna Popp
 3. Rex, Paul and Dave, thank you for your service in these positions.
 4. We still need a Vice President
 - a. Several names were offered as candidates
 - b. Some were contacted and declined
 - c. Two new candidates were suggested.
 - d. Contact information will be provided to Bill H. and Randy for to see if either would wish to serve.
 - e. We may make an appeal when we return to in person meetings and programs.
 - B. We have hopes for our Annual Board Retreat in June.
 1. Remains dependent on social distancing guidelines and availability of facilities

2. Discuss chapter goals and budget for the upcoming fiscal year and advise new executives of their duties.
- V. Vice-President's Report – Paul R.
- A. Birdathon!
 1. Looks like 193 species at this time, a possible record for our group.
 2. No financial report at this time. Please get donations and/or species lists to Paul ASAP so we can "close the books" on the 2020 Birdathon!
 3. We have a donor willing to provide a "potentially large" donation based on our species count. More information forthcoming.
 - B. Thank you to our birders and our pledge donors!
- VI. Treasurer – Jeri W.
- A. Debits - \$229.94 total
 1. \$14.99 for thank you cards and postage for Leland Schmidt memorials
 2. \$210.00 for 7 months of room use at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
 3. \$4.95 PayPal for website.
 - B. Credits - \$1202.00 total
 1. \$1122.00 for Leland Schmidt memorials
 2. \$80.00 memberships
 - C. Balance as of 13 May 2020 - \$7416.67
- VII. Membership Committee – Donna P.
- A. Summer outings?
 - B. Probably mid-summer with appropriate social distancing.
 - C. Not June but we will try for a July outing.
- VIII. Chapter Activities Committee – Dotty Z.
- A. All activities at the Zales guest house are cancelled for the summer.
 - B. Try to get some of our Covid-cancelled programs rescheduled for next season
 - C. New interest in providing online presentations. Someone would have to set up and manage for the presentation.
 - D. Need to have a bird identification program
 1. eBird usage presentation?
 2. iNaturalist presentation?
 - E. Other possible presenters include
 1. Carol Blair

2. Don Poggensee
 3. Bruce Ellingson
- IX. Communications Committee – Anne S., no report
- X. Conservation Committee – Rex R., no report
- XI. Projects Committee – Leland Schmidt memorial monies
- A. There was one email suggestion submitted to provide some funds for the new website.
 - B. A variety of other ideas were presented ranging from a “Birds of Siouland” map update to benches along trails to a viewing blind project for Brower Slough.
 1. All are valid projects
 2. The observation blind project at Brower Slough seemed to have the best response.
 3. Paul R. will try to obtain more information for a possible blind construction project for Brower Slough.
- XII. Old Business – Randy W., new website continuation.
- A. Website options
 1. The 5 March 2020 .pdf of the website options was sent to board members prior to this online meeting.
 2. The options were briefly reviewed.
 3. Additional funding from the Leland Schmidt memorial donations eased some financial concerns
 4. Concern was raised that we may be doing too much too quickly and the quality of the website might suffer.
 - B. Motion and second was made to proceed with option 2 – a new public website.
 1. Unanimous vote to proceed with the new public website.
 2. Samuel will be contacted to continue development of the public site.
 3. Dave H., Rex R., and Randy W. will be trained on maintenance and development of the public site.
 4. Jerry V. will be contacted for involvement with the public site. We need a good proofreader with meticulous attention to details for the crosswalk between the two sites.
 - C. Motion and second was made to purchase our own domain name through Google.
 1. Cost would be about \$16 per year
 2. This would simplify the name to prevent further confusion.

3. This would also allow generic email addresses that could be referenced to specific email addresses and provide some anonymity for our chapter executives.
 4. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.
 5. Samuel will be contacted for the arrangements.
- D. Motion and second was made to establish a G Suite Basic (Google Drive for Business) for a private site for chapter executives. The motion also includes integration with the above public site, MailChimp, and training.
1. G Suite Basic would be about \$72 per year
 2. Training by Samuel for integration, maintenance, and future development of both sites along with MailChimp integration would be \$100 for a team from LHAS.
 3. Concern was again raised that we may be doing too much, too soon.
 4. The ideas and motivations are noble and worthwhile.
 5. Samuel felt these additional functions could eventually be integrated with the public site at a later date.
 6. Motion was defeated
 - a. Yea – 2
 - b. Nay – 5
 - c. Abstain – 0
- E. We will proceed with the public site and purchase our own domain name for the public site.
- XIII. New Business
- A. We hope to have a June Planning Retreat, provided Covid-19 restrictions are eased, to plan the upcoming season.
 - B. Recent bird sightings were reviewed prior to the meeting being called to order.
- XIV. Tabled Business
- A. Any takers for the LHAS display boards in Dave's garage?
 - B. Is there someone else who could store them for the chapter?
 - C. Any other ideas for a storage place?
- XV. Adjourn at 8:00 PM

EVERYONE REMAIN HEALTHY!

LHAS Chapter Executives

President	David Hoferer	Director 1	Jerry VonEhwegen
Vice President	Paul Roisen	Director 2	Donna Popp
Secretary	Randy Williams	Director 3	Anne Shaner
Treasurer	Jeri Watkins	Director 4	Rex Rundquist
		Director 5	Dotty Zales
President-elect:	Maria Rundquist	Director 4-elect:	Jody Moats