

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting
Parish Hall, Redeemer Lutheran Church (3204 South Lakeport Street)
April 4, 2019

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
5:30 pm

Members Preset: David H., Paul R., Randy W., Jeri W., Donna P., Anne S., Rex R., Bill Z., Jody M., Jerry V., Dotty Z., Carol B., Dawn S., Gary H.

Members Absent: Leesa M., John P.

Honored Guests: Anna R., Maria R., Chuck J., Bob N.

- I. Call to Order at 5:45 PM.
- II. Minutes from the March meeting were approved as corrected.
- III. Secretary's Report – Randy W.
 - a. Best wishes cards were sent to:
 - b. Phyllis Nickolson
 - c. Art and Kay Huser
- IV. President – David H. See the presentation regarding bylaws and constitution, below.
- V. Vice-President – Paul R., submitted by e-mail
 - a. Visited with NAS upper level people--Elaine from NYC office NAS and with Bill Heck (board member at large). Working on getting NAS to move towards much faster updates (viewable to by us at Chapter Services). It currently takes more than a month before we can see new changes.
 - b. The issue of being notified immediately by email when person moves or signs up in our territory—not sure how yet but....
 - i. Roxanne and Gary Flammang are 1st time members of NAS
 - ii. \$100.00 which should come back to the LHAS.
 - c. Let's work on actively inviting people to our meetings.
 - d. "Greeter" program is going into 2nd month. Anna Roisen and Donna Popp will help tonight.
 - e. Name Tags will be used—PLEASE fill out one for yourself and wear it tonight.
 - f. Renewal information will be shared.
 - g. Recruitment of potential First-Time NAS members will be actively pursued.
 - h. It is essential that the "clipboard" get all the way around. We are asking everyone to complete the "Attendance form".
 - i. Excellent work from the By-Laws Revision Committee. There have been two meeting and lots of emails. We will look at the progress during the April 4, 2019 Board Meeting

- j. Suggest some thought towards getting through the report parts of our board meetings more rapidly so we can actually get some time to discuss old and new business.
- VI. Treasurer – Jeri W.
- a. Iowa Biennial Report has been filed
 - b. IRS tax form has been filed
 - c. No credits
 - d. Debits
 - i. \$75.00
 - ii. \$4.95
 - e. Balance: \$5423.04
- VII. Membership – Donna P. See above, Vice-President’s report.
- VIII. Newsletter – Ann S. Need to have newsletter submissions by 23 April.
- IX. Iowa Audubon – Rex R. via e-mail
- a. Iowa Audubon Meeting March 24, 2019 Boone, Iowa
 - b. Minnesota Audubon has become the National Audubon regional office and is renamed Audubon Minnesota and the Upper Mississippi River. Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri are included in this region.
 - c. Pleasant Hill, Iowa, was designated as Iowa’s second Bird Friendly Iowa (BFI) community of February 12, 2019, joining Waterloo which was the first. Other communities seeking this designation are Fayette, Peterson, Ames and Madrid. Grants from REAP and IOU have helped fund an ISU grad student in Landscape Design who is assisting communities seeking BFI designation.
 - d. A 120-acre addition has been made to Falcon Springs Wildlife Area northeast of Decorah. Iowa Audubon, Quad Cities Audubon, and Upper Iowa Audubon assisted financially with this project.
 - e. Discussions have begun with a donor who would like to contribute a large fund for some type of bird related project along the Iowa River corridor. This will hopefully be discussed more fully at the Iowa Audubon July meeting.
 - f. The proposed Iowa Audubon 2019 Budget was presented and approved.
 - g. Iowa DNR is seeking support from Iowa Audubon for acquiring an addition to Fen Valley WMA in Clay County.
 - h. Five grant projects were reviewed and approved for 2019 ranging in amounts from \$400 to \$1000 dollars. A total of \$2986 dollars was awarded.
 - i. Iowa Audubon membership is now facilitated by joining online through the Iowa Audubon website:
www.iowaaudubon.org

- X. Conservation – Bill Z. No report to allow for bylaws and constitution discussion.
- XI. Naturalist/Education- Jody M. No report to allow for bylaws and constitution discussion.
- XII. Outings – Jerry V.
 - a. March outing with 10 people and 56 species
 - b. April outing is scheduled for Saturday, 27 April at 7:30 AM at the Singing Hills Walmart parking area.
 - c. Website is up-to-date with
 - i. March outing highlights
 - ii. March meeting minutes
 - iii. April Bird-of-the-Month: Eastern Bluebird
- XIII. Publicity – Dawn S. via e-mail. I sent press releases to all media and key members to announce the general membership meetings and program in January, February, March & April.
- XIV. Social – Carol B. No report to allow for bylaws and constitution discussion.
- XV. Audubon Adventures – Gary H. No report to allow for bylaws and constitution discussion.
- XVI. Old Business
 - a. Constitution - Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision Committee
 - i. Loess Hills Audubon has no constitution
 - ii. A constitution was drafted by the above committee
 - iii. The proposed Constitution was presented to the Board
 - iv. Minor revisions were made based on the ensuing discussion with the full Board.
 - b. By-Laws - Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision Committee
 - i. The articles of our by-laws are as follows
 - 1. Article I – Membership
 - 2. Article II – Meetings
 - 3. Article III – Board of Directors
 - 4. Article IV – Officers
 - 5. Article V – Nominating Committee
 - 6. Article VI – Elections
 - 7. Article VII – Committees
 - 8. Article VIII – Commitments
 - 9. Article IX – Discontinuance
 - 10. Article X – Dissolution
 - 11. Article XI – Parliamentary Authority
 - 12. Article XII – Amendments
 - ii. The first three articles were presented to the Board at the 7 March 2019 meeting.
 - 1. Minor revisions were made based on that discussion.

2. These revisions will be sent to Board members for review along with any revisions proposed tonight for the remaining articles.
- iii. The remaining Articles, IV through XII, were reviewed.
- iv. Articles VIII through XII only required minor revisions and were quickly reviewed. The minor revisions will be made and sent by e-mail to Board members for further review.
- v. Articles IV, V, and VI
 1. These required more explanation and review by the Board.
 2. Minor revisions will be made based on the discussion by the full Board
 3. The revisions will be sent to Board members via e-mail for review.
- vi. Article VII – Committees
 1. This Article garnered extensive revisions and reorganizations by the By-Laws Committee
 2. Committees were reorganized and redefined
 3. More work will need to be performed to further refine the duties and processes of the reorganized committees.
 4. Proposed committees are as follows:
 - a. Membership Committee
 - b. Chapter Activities Committee
 - c. Conservation Committee
 - d. Communications Committee
 - e. Projects Committee
- vii. Following discussion by the Board
 1. Suggested revisions will be incorporated into the proposed by-laws and constitution
 2. A motion was made by Maria Rundquist to approve the above proposed and revised Constitution and By-Laws
 3. Second by Carol Blair
 4. No further discussion ensued.
 5. The motion was approved by voice vote.
 6. There was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.
 7. The revisions will be made and sent to all Board members.
 8. The approved revisions will then be sent to all Loess Hills Audubon chapter members for review prior to the 2 May 2019 Board and General meeting.

XVII. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee: Paul Roisen, Maria Rundquist, Rex Rundquist
 - i. We have nominees!
 - ii. David Hoferer for President
 - iii. Paul Roisen for Vice-President
 - iv. Randy Williams for Secretary
 - v. Jeri Watkins for Treasurer
 - vi. Director 1 - Jerry Von Ehwegen
 - vii. Director 2 - Donna Popp
 - viii. Director 3 - Anne Shaner
 - ix. Director 4 - Rex Rundquist
 - x. Director 5 - Dotty Zales
- b. Siouxland Earth Day Booth - Dotty Z.
 - i. Sunday, 28 April at the Delta Center, South Sioux City, NE
 - 1. We will be a part of the sustainable agriculture and natural resource management exhibits
 - 2. Set up at 1100 with the LHAS display panels
 - 3. Volunteers needed
 - a. To set up and take down the panels, and
 - b. From 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM to staff the displays and information area.
 - c. Bring items to give to visitors to the display.
 - ii. Graham McGaffin, Associate Director of Conservation / Loess Hills Program, is coordinating the event.
- c. Siouxland Garden Show - Dotty Z.
 - i. Friday, 5 April and Saturday, 6 April.
 - ii. LHAS brochures were distributed at this show along with information about Siouxland Wild Ones.
- d. The Thursday, 2 May board and general meetings of Loess Hills Audubon will be back at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center.
- e. There was a motion and second to officially recognize Jerry Von Ehwegen's 80th birthday tonight.

XVIII. Tabled Business

- a. Holiday protocol discussion
- b. Potential VP to President transition
- c. Format for General Meetings
 - i. Share sitings, questions, announcements, etc.
 - ii. Annual meeting format
 - 1. Formal presentation of this past year's activities/accomplishments to general membership?

XIX. Adjourn at 7:05 PM

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm

- I. Call to order at 7:30 PM
- II. Back to the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center for the May meeting
 - a. History review of Spirit Mound
 - b. Birding at Spirit Mound
 - c. Vote on the Constitution and revised By-Laws
 - d. Election of officers for LHAS
- III. Reminder on our Membership Services by Paul R.
- IV. Birthday wishes for Jerry Von Ehwegen!
- V. Birds and other sightings
 - a. Heron rookeries in Sioux City, Le Mars, and Merville
 - b. Male and female mink study skins
- VI. Intro of speaker - Mike Greiner - "Siouxland Critters" - Leesa McNeil
- VII. Adjourn at 8:20 PM

Attendance: 48