

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
October 4, 2018

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6:15 pm

Chapter Officers present: David Hoferer, Paul Roisen, Randy Williams, Jeri Watkins, Anne Shaner, Donna Popp, Rex Rundquist, Bill Zales, Jerry Von Ehwegen, Dotty Zales, Carol Blair, and John Polifka

Chapter Officers absent: Leesa McNeil, Dawn Snyder, Jody Moats, and Gary Heineman

Honored Guests: Sharon Polifka, Maria Rundquist, Jan Null, Bob & Phyllis Nickolson, and Chuck Johnson

- I. Call to Order at 6:15 PM
- II. Secretary's Report - Randy W.
 - A. Motion and second to approve the corrected minutes.
 - B. Looked online for external hard drive for this PC.
 - C. Look for a 1 TB hard drive from the best source (Best Buy, Staples) and bring in receipt
- III. President - David H., refer to "New Business", below
- IV. Vice-President - Paul R. - No specific report, see "New Business", below.
- V. Treasurer - Jeri W.
 - A. Credit \$50
 - B. Debit \$82.98 reimbursement to the Secretary for a thumb drive and acquiring a stand-alone Microsoft Office package for the LHAS laptop.
 - C. \$6238.08 balance
- VI. Membership - Donna P.
 - A. Membership lists from National
 1. Many LHAS officers are not NAS members according to our current list.
 2. How does this affect serving the chapter if one is not a NAS member?
 3. Continuing issues with National regarding membership
 - a) No telephone for National. Have to e-mail questions.
 - b) Renewal date not added to mailing label of the magazine any more. This makes it difficult to monitor when one's membership is due.
 - B. NAS membership reimbursement
 1. LHAS had close to 300 members at one time.
 2. Unknown how the reimbursement is calculated.

3. According to our annual report we receive currently receive the same amount of money from NAS as we did back in 2003, about \$575.
 4. A new member for LHAS - 100% of that of that membership returns to the chapter.
- C. Renewals
1. Accidentally discovered that if one renews a membership within 6-months prior to expiration, then NAS provides an extra year membership
 2. No extra time if the renewal is outside of the 6-month period. And, one does not necessarily know the expiration date of their membership.
- D. Have all members contact NAS regarding their status.
- E. Communication issues
1. Cable One will not allow email sending of attachments for large groups of people.
 2. Mail Chimp allows this but not everyone can download or open the attachments, even when going to the posted web link.
 3. Looking for a work around with another tech savvy guru.
- VII. Conservation - Bill Z.
- A. Groups are using lawsuits to do the right thing.
 - B. Money is being spent in order to do the right thing.
 - C. Time to purchase federal duck stamp.
 1. Money goes to wetland preserves
 2. Can pay fee for habitat conservation in place of hunting
 - D. New tax laws related to deductions may affect people with normal incomes from giving to charities. The tax deductions under the new laws will not be the same as in the past.
- VIII. Naturalist/Education - Jody M. - no report.
- IX. Outings - Jerry V.
- A. 12 people with 50 species sighted on the September outing.
 - B. October outing: 10/10/2018 at the SuperWalmart at Singing Hills at 7:30 AM. Lunch with Polifka family
 - C. Website up to date for outings and bird food
- X. Publicity - Dawn C. - no report
- XI. Social - Carol B.
- A. 4 months of this season with only 1 person signed for goodies.
 - B. Will announce at general meeting to try and recruit some helpers.
- XII. Audubon Adventures - Gary H. - no report.
- XIII. Old Business
- A. LHAS manual - Dave, Paul, Randy
 1. Use this PC as part of the transition between past-term and new-term elected officers.
 2. Wish to put together an "operations and transitions manual"

- a) For every officer and committee chair and to have a job aid for every position.
 - b) What does the next person need to know to take over?
 - (1) Provide not just what is listed in the bylaws
 - (2) Also include the “nuts-and-bolts” of the position operates and duties performed.
 - 3. Request
 - a) Put together a list of the jobs for chapter officers and committee chairs
 - b) What would a new person need to know to get up and running immediately?
 - c) Coordinate with what’s in the bylaws with what the person in the position REALLY does to make it work well
 - d) Work on producing job aids
 - B. Holiday protocol discussion
 - 1. The January 2019 meeting is so close to the holiday.
 - 2. Attendance be down because of the holiday?
 - 3. Do we move 2019? 2020? Should we also consider Maundy Thursday as well?
 - 4. If we decide on a move, it will probably move back to the second TH of the month
 - 5. Have to coordinate with DPNC and program chair
 - C. Potential VP to President transition
 - 1. Finding people can be a problem
 - 2. Look at bylaws and propose the change to general membership
 - 3. Just elect a Vice President who then transitions to President and then Past President
 - a) President would then serve only 1 year, per se
 - b) Consider this and bring back at some point.
 - c) We will continue with a program coordinator under the supervision of the VP.
 - 4. The objective is to try and make seamless transitions from one set of officers and committee chairs to the next.
 - 5. Dave, Paul and Randy to begin.
 - D. Get some training in making the new projection system work if there is no DPNC staff available.
 - E. Setting a budget
 - 1. Plan for projects
 - 2. Allow our budget to adsorb the requests and allocate accordingly
 - 3. There is a question in this regard in the annual report to NAS
 - 4. Will look at expenses from past years to plan for this coming season.
- XIV. New Business
- A. Iowa Young Birders

1. Email from Tyler Harms
 2. Potential donation to Iowa Young Birders
 3. 3 programs to which we could donate to help
 4. \$100 to Tyler as honorarium for a Young Birders program
 5. Table until budget proposal put together
- B. Bird Food Sale - Dotty Z.
1. Notices sent
 2. Website and Facebook updated with the order form.
 3. Food will be coming from Bomgaars and the Feed Shed.
- C. Items for Nov./Dec. newsletter due on October 24. Per Anne S. we need to stick closely to the deadline, please
- D. Year of the bird Count all birds on Saturday, 10/6 and submit to eBird.

XV. Announcements:

- A. Jerry V. for outings
- B. Carol B. for treats
- C. Donna P. for email communications
- D. Dotty Z. for bird food

XVI. Adjourn 7 :25 PM

General Meeting

- I. Call to Order at 7:36 PM
- II. Announcements (as above)
- III. Leesa M. announced upcoming programs
 - A. Tonight's program by Paul Weihe, "Stories From the Slough"
 - B. Check Paul's website/blog at: 99wetlands.wordpress.com
- IV. 36 Attendees at tonight's general meeting
- V. Adjourn at 8:40 PM