

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

5 March 2020

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

Chaper Executives Absent: Rex R., Jerry V., Paul R.,

**Honored Guests: Bill Z., Chuck J., Jody M., Bill H., John and Sharon P., Gary
H., Gracie W., Clarissa**

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

6:15 pm

- I. Call to Order at 6:24 PM
- II. Approve minutes from February meeting
 - A. No additions or corrections noted
 - B. Moved and second to approve the February minutes
- III. Secretary's Report – Randy W.
 - A. Waterford Press promotions
 - B. Letter, catalogue and price list from the company
 1. Large number of publications available
 2. All are nature-themed, not necessarily birds
 - C. We can purchase from the company and resell
 - D. One option is that some publications can be custom printed with our chapter's name and then resold
 - E. Could this be a joint venture with DPNC? Adams Homestead? Plymouth County?
- IV. President's Report – David H.
 - A. Rex is recovering following a second surgery
 - B. From Dianne Blankenship - Dave Swanson, USD, will lead a bird walk at Spirit Mound at 7:00 AM on Saturday, 2 May
 - C. Loess Hills Wild Ones at 10:00 AM on 5/2
 - D. Per Rob Schultz, Audubon Upper Mississippi River office, a straightforward, simple fundraising letter appears to be cost effective. It has worked well for other chapters.
 1. Coordinate a paper, mailed request along with an e-mail request
 2. Mailing cose it about \$200 to send our newsletter by regular mail
 - E. Birds and Brew fund raising idea was suggested
 1. Would a liquor license be required?
 2. How does DPNC handle that for Nature Calls?

3. Would we be in competition with Nature Calls?
 4. This could be home brewed wine and/or beer with profits going to LHAS
- V. Vice-President's Report – No report for Paul R.
- VI. Treasurer – Jeri W.
- A. Meeting times change to 6PM (board) and 7PM (general) next season?
 1. May be difficult for working individuals
 2. Tabled to later.
 - B. Credit - National funds received – \$822.25
 1. Funds from NAS received
 2. Donation from Polifka and Vandemeer families
 - C. Debit – \$598.95
 - D. Balance – \$6394.56
- VII. Membership Committee – Donna P., no report
- VIII. Chapter Activities Committee – Dotty Z.
- A. Could someone present a program or programs on:
 1. eBird smartphone application
 2. "iNaturalist" smartphone application and website program
 3. A similar program for youth, known as "Seek"
 - B. Looking for program suggestions for next season for LHAS.
 1. Have a look at programs available from 4-H Extension?
 2. Iowa State extension?
 3. Will ask general membership for ideas as well
 - C. Could we obtain a listing of home-schooled children to provide an educational field trip or other programs?
- IX. Communications Committee – Randy W.
- A. Three options were presented regarding the new website process – see additional Word document, attached
 - B. Discussion regarding the 3 options followed
 - C. Board wants to know:
 1. If Option 2 would be selected, what would it take to move to option 3 in the future?
 2. We would go live with a public website (Option 2) and then later move to an integrated public AND private site (Option 3).
 3. Samuel will be contacted regarding this question.
 - D. Tabled to the April meeting.
- X. Conservation Committee – Bill Z.
- A. Iowa land and conservation act is not as it is intended
 - B. This act should not be supported.

- XI. Projects Committee – tabled to April
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Tabled Business
- XV. Adjourn at 7:22 PM

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm

- I. 7:32 PM call to order
- II. Announcements
 - A. Upcoming outings
 - 1. March – Marsh Madness March 21 at Ponca about 8:00 AM Singing Hills Walmart
 - 2. April outing 11 to Gavins point dam with Chuck and Donna
 - B. Nominating committee Bill H. or Randy W.
 - C. Program ideas for next season? Contact Dotty Zales or any board member.
 - D. Ed Sibley and original prairie
 - 1. Original prairie at the water treatment plant
 - 2. Meeting for citizen input regarding burning the prairie
 - 3. People with prairie burn experience are asked to attend to provide input regarding the management process of the burn.
 - 4. Meeting at 11:30 AM in the second floor meeting room of the Longlines Recreational Center on Wednesday, 11 March.
 - 5. Contact Ed Sibley at caboose1942@cableone.net for more information.
- III. Recent sightings?
- IV. Intro of speakers - Dotty Zales & David Hoferer, "Feather Your Garden with Natives" – Dotty

Attendees: 30

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