

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
5 September 2019

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Members present: David H., by conference call, Paul R., Randy W., Jeri W., Jerry V., Donna P., Anne S., Rex R., Dotty Z.

Absent:

Honored Guests: Maria R., Jan N., Bob N., Phyllis N., Dawn S., Anna R., Chuck J., Kathy K., Bill Z., Bill H., John P., Sharon P.

- I. Call to Order at 5:25 PM by David H. via conference call
 - A. Get committees together
 - B. General members can express your preference(-es) for committee(s)
 - C. What can your committee accomplish?
 - D. Call with any questions
- II. Minutes from May meeting were approved.
- III. Secretary's Report – Randy W.
 - A. Question was brought up regarding who should receive minutes from the Board Meeting.
 1. Should all committee members receive a copy of the minutes or just the chair of the committee?
 2. Minutes will be sent to board members and committee chairs at this time; not all committees are fully staffed.
 - B. The list of committee chairs was reviewed
 1. Donna Popp - Membership
 2. Dotty Zales – Chapter Activities
 3. Rex Rundquist – Conservation
 4. Anne Shaner – Communications
 5. Chapter Projects – **open at this time**. Need someone to chair the Projects committee and serve as the organizing force for this committee.
- IV. Vice-President – report sent by e-mail late on 5 Sep and verbal report by Paul R.
 - A. Documents to be signed for Constitution and By-Laws
 - B. Programs for 2019-20
 1. We still need programs for: January, February and May 2020!
Provide some ideas, please!
 2. **5 Sep 2019**
 - a) 5:15 Board Meeting
 - b) 6:15 Potluck
 - c) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Kathy Koskovich
 3. **3 Oct 2019**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Terry Sohl

4. **7 Nov 2019**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Bruce Ehresman
5. **5 Dec 2019**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Christmas Program food and Photo Sharing
 - c) We may need to enforce a "5-minute rule" for the member slide show
 - d) Or, we need to have another way of organizing the member presentations
6. **9 Jan 2020**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 **Speaker ??**
7. **6 Feb 2020**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 **Speaker ??**
8. **5 Mar 2020**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker(s): Dave Hoferer and Dotty Zales
9. **2 Apr 2020**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker(s) : Warren and Diane Marton
10. **7 May 2020**
 - a) 6:15 Board Meeting
 - b) Meeting 7:30 Annual Membership Meeting **Speaker ??**

C. Membership

1. Maybe the most important area we need to fix immediately??
2. Our official membership is way down amongst our board members, committee members, and long-time dedicated LHAS persons
3. National Audubon
 - a) Not much progress with getting things fixed.
 - b) This may be worse since there is a new way for US to enter memberships
 - c) This makes us more responsible but it also makes us more busy.
 - d) No improvement on the current reporting system from National; still many, many errors.

V. Treasurer – Jeri W.

- A. Plan to have a budget meeting
- B. May 2019 – Aug 2019
 1. Debits - \$647.46
 2. Credits - \$1973.05
 3. Balance as of 31Aug 19 - \$6588.68
- C. We received monies from NAS this season!

- VI. Membership Committee – Donna P. and Paul R.
 - A. See Vice-President’s report, above.
 - B. NAS is perceived as not helping at the chapter level
 - C. Trying to have NAS provide telephone numbers and e-mail for new LHAS members that register through NAS
 - D. Chapter-only membership is in progress. Two are currently as Chapter-only status
 - E. Chapter only membership is identical as NAS, however all the monies remain with LHAS
 - F. If you choose to join NAS, then you are ALSO a member of LHAS!
- VII. Chapter Activities Committee – Dotty Z., no specific report but see Vice-President report above for upcoming programs.
- VIII. Communications Committee – Anne S.
 - A. Newsletter is out
 - 1. Let Anne S. or Donna P. know if there are issues in seeing it electronically or downloading
 - 2. We can send a specific .pdf of the newsletter if someone having difficulties
 - B. Good job to Donna and Anne for getting things out via MailChimp
- IX. Conservation Committee – Rex R.
 - A. Still looking for members willing to work
 - B. Keep board and public apprised of areas of concern as well as areas of success.
- X. Projects Committee
 - A. Need to find someone to chair this committee
 - B. Projects works with other committees to organize something we can focus on this year
 - C. Chair needs to organize while others need to set up the projects
- XI. Old Business
 - A. Bird food - have only looked at Fleet Farm prices – no orders at this time
 - B. Is this working for LHAS?
 - 1. This is quite a bit of work for questionable reward anymore
 - 2. Is there an alternate?
 - 3. Could we simply ask for donations to:
 - a) Provide bird food to nursing homes?
 - b) Another location?
- XII. New Business
 - A. Discussions with those interested in serving on our committees
 - 1. Eventually we may wish to have committee meetings alternating every other month with board of director meetings
 - 2. What do we need to cover this year as a chapter?
 - a) Chairs to reach out to members/potential members for their involvement.
 - b) Ideas for 1-3 tasks reasonable to accomplish this year per committee

3. Membership - Donna needs 3 members to help out
4. Activities – Dotty, Jerry, Jan, Carol B., and
 - a) To help plan the programs and outings and provide amenities for the activity
 - b) The food tonight should be part of this, as an example
5. Communications – Anne S.
 - a) Donna P. – MailChimp mass communication
 - b) Randy W. – secretary
 - c) Dawn S. – publicity
 - d) Jody M. – Facebook
 - e) Bill H. – bird hotline
 - f) Jerry V. – website
 - g) Guidelines as to when the next item is coming out – set a basic schedule
6. Conservation – Rex R.
 - a) Will look for info from past reports as a guide for the upcoming season.
 - b) Iowa Audubon
 - (1) Donor for monies for Mississippi River work
 - (2) Report from the group for support of a carbon tax
 - (3) Iowa Audubon may be losing their meeting/office location. The group could possibly disband if a new location cannot be found.

XIII. Adjourn at 6 :10 PM for food – thank you to all of our contributors tonight.

POTLUCK

6:15-7:30 pm

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to order at 7:26 PM
- II. Announcements
 - A. Paul R. in for David H.
 1. Welcome
 2. Request for committee members
 3. Issues with e-mail newsletter?
 4. Chapter-only membership available
 5. October program teaser with Terry Sohl
 6. Thank you for the great food!
 - B. Bird report from general membership
 - C. Leesa M. - Prairie Heritage Week at O'Brien prairie for monarch butterfly tagging. Please pre-register
 - D. Field Trips – Jerry V
 - E. Brian H. – Spirit Mound and Briar Cliff

1. Spirit Mound Trust meeting this weekend with walks and other activities
 2. Little Reading on the Prairie at Sioux City Prairie about 6:45 on Northeast corner, off of Briar Cliff University on Tues, 9/10
 3. Galapagos trip upcoming with Brian H.
- F. Dawn S. – Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
1. Monarch tagging upcoming at Sioux City Prairie
 2. Nature Calls is upcoming.
- G. Siouxland Rock and Gem show upcoming
- III. Intro of speaker - Katherine Koskovich - "Geoglyphs in Correctionville, IA".

Adjourn - 8:20 PM

36 attendees