

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting  
Parish Hall, Redeemer Lutheran Church (3204 South Lakeport Street)  
March 7, 2019

BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
6:15 pm

**Members Preset:** David H., Paul R., Randy W., Jeri W., Leesa M.,  
Donna P., Anne S., Rex R., Bill Z., Jerry V., Dotty Z.

**Members Absent:** Carol B., Dawn S., Gary H., John P.

**Honored Guests:** Jan N., Anna R., Maria R., Jon N., and Tyler, Heidi,  
Gary and Roxanne Flammang.

- I. Call to Order at 6:22 PM
- II. Approval of minutes from the February meeting.
- III. Secretary's Report – Randy W.
  - a. Bird Friendly Iowa - A report was e-mailed to board members prior to this meeting.
  - b. Discussion tabled to a later meeting to provide time for bylaws discussion.
  - c. A copy of the full report will be sent along with the minutes of this meeting.
- IV. President – David H.
  - a. Northwest Iowa Sierra Club looking for a list of items to keep people involved and active over the summer months
    - i. Do we have any suggestions to keep people involved over the summer months?
    - ii. Field trips are one option
    - iii. Check the LHAS Facebook page for updates
    - iv. Check the LHAS Website for updates
  - b. Nominating Committee
    - i. Volunteers?
    - ii. This committee asks LHAS members to see if they wish to volunteer to help with the board or with LHAS committees
      1. Paul R.
      2. Maria R.
      3. Rex R.
      4. Motion and second to have these 3 members serve as our nominating committee- passed
- V. Vice-President – Paul R.
  - a. Bird Friendly Iowa - see Secretary's report, above
  - b. Speakers for 2019-2020 (report for Leesa M.)
    - i. Will need someone to coordinate speakers next year
  - c. Extensive VP report was sent by e-mail to board members prior to this meeting

- i. Secretary's apology for not having printed copies
    - ii. Copy of the report will be sent to board members along with the minutes from this meeting.
  - d. NAS/LHAS membership issues
    - i. Faster updates by NAS on reports for LHAS membership
    - ii. NAS to contact us as soon as we get a first-time member
    - iii. Will provide clarification of the renewal process and prices for LHAS via website and newsletter.
  - e. LHAS membership updates
    - i. 93% of our e-mail contacts are not members of LHAS
    - ii. Based on the most recent list from NAS, 70% of our roster has an expired membership or their membership will be expiring shortly
    - iii. Email people on our list who are not members, but attend meetings, to remind them that we have them on our rolls and encourage them to improve their participation with the chapter.
  - f. Bylaws and Constitution
    - i. No real progress on the bylaws or constitution since 27 Feb board meeting
    - ii. Wish to have first revisions in place for general membership voting in May
    - iii. Revision working group (David H., Paul R., Jerry V., Randy W.) to meet at 3:30 PM on Friday, 15 March.
    - iv. The original LHAS articles of incorporation have been found, scanned and distributed to the board.
  - g. Name tag experiment with greeters tonight
    - i. Thanks to Jan N. and Anna R. for helping with this tonight
    - ii. Start use of name tags
    - iii. Re-start the use of sign in sheets
- VI. Treasurer - Jeri W.
  - a. Credit - \$25 birdathon
  - b. Debit
    - i. \$100 to Iowa Young Birders for field guides/notebooks
    - ii. \$250 Monona County for Loess Hills Prairie Seminar support
    - iii. \$4.95 to Paypal for website
  - c. Balance - \$5502.99
  - d. Will have to donate to Redeemer Lutheran for temporary use of their facilities.
- VII. Membership - Donna P. See above as part of the Vice-President's report.

- VIII. Conservation – Bill Z.
  - a. House File 542 – did not go to committee. It is technically active but probably not going anywhere.
  - b. Senate Study Bill 1221 – still active with revisions in progress
- IX. Naturalist/Education – Bill Z. for Jody M.
  - a. Acorn Woodpecker prepared by Bill for DPNC
  - b. Bill provided a short natural history of the species
  - c. Will also present for the general membership meeting.
- X. Outings – Jerry V.
  - a. Saturday, 23 March at 7:30 AM at Super Walmart at Singing Hills.
  - b. Weather cancellations for January and February
- XI. Publicity – Dawn S., no report but it was noted by other board members that information was available regarding the change in venue as well as the cancellation of the February meeting.
- XII. Social – Carol B., no report.
- XIII. Audubon Adventures – Gary H., no report.
- XIV. Old Business
  - a. Nature Center Construction & Meetings
    - i. March 7 and April 4 in Parish Hall of Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3204 South Lakeport Street
    - ii. There have been construction delays
  - b. International Owl Festival, March 2, at International Owl Center, Houston, MN - John and Sharon Polifka
  - c. Constitution and bylaws
    - i. A review of the purpose for these revisions.
    - ii. Examples of bylaws and constitutions from other chapters were e-mailed to board members
    - iii. Proposed revisions (with comparison to current bylaws) also sent
    - iv. Perhaps another special meeting of the board devoted to just this topic
      - 1. REMINDER: with a special meeting, whoever shows up is a quorum
      - 2. Will review with the full board in April
      - 3. Working group to meet Friday, 15 March at 3:30 PM to continue with the revisions.
      - 4. Others are welcome but please let Paul R. know that you wish to attend.
  - d. Registered agent for State of Iowa
    - i. Change from Chuck J. to Jeri W.
      - 1. The registered agent must live in Iowa
      - 2. This is the “official contact” for the State of Iowa

3. The board felt that the agent should be an elected member of the LHAS board.
  4. At some point we should have instructions for
    - a. What to do every other year to perform the registration process
    - b. How to change the agent when the term limit of the elected officer transitions to a new person.
  - ii. Report required every other year by 1 April to meet State of Iowa requirements
  - iii. Also IRS filing to be completed by Jeri W.
- XV. New Business
- a. IA DNR Wildlife Volunteers - Leesa M.
    - i. Citizen-science to monitor Iowa wildlife
    - ii. Also programs for water quality testing and clean up
  - b. Email to Dave and Dave will send to rest of Board
- XVI. Tabled Business
- a. LHAS manual - Dave, Paul, Randy, Jerry - Proposed edits/revisions
  - b. Holiday protocol discussion
  - c. Potential VP to President transition
  - d. Format for General Meetings
    - i. Share sightings, questions, announcements, thanks, etc.
    - ii. Annual meeting format
      1. Formal presentation of this past year's activities/accomplishments to general membership?
      2. Elections
      3. Program presentation as well.
- XVII. Adjourn at 7:10 PM per motion and second

## GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm

- I. Call to order at 7:30 PM
- II. Change of meeting place for March and April
  - a. March 7 and April 4 in Parish Hall of Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3204 South Lakeport Street
  - b. Back at DPNC in May?
  - c. Proposed bylaws changes for May
- III. Membership update
  - a. Clipboard and nametag night
  - b. Want to keep our lists updated
  - c. NAS membership provides membership in LHAS
  - d. Bring a friend to the next meeting

- IV. Birds and other sightings?
  - a. Acorn Woodpecker by Bill Z.
  - b. Other sightings in the area.
- V. March field trip Saturday, 23 Mar, 7:30 AM at the Singing Hills Walmart
- VI. Rex R., for Brian Hazlett
  - a. Galapagos Islands trip announcement for January 2020.
  - b. Visit with Rex if you have questions.
- VII. Intro of speaker, Tyler Flammang - Leesa McNeil
- VIII. Adjourn at 8:55 PM

Attendance: 27