

Loess Hills Audubon Society Board Agenda March 7, 2024; 6:00 PM
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Present: Rex R., Sharon P., Marla K., Kari S., Pam M-S., Bill H., Jody M.

Absent: Jerry P., Jeri W.

Honored Guests: Jerry V., Jan N., Maria R., Randy W., Bill Z., Dotty Z., Bob N., Phyllis N.

- I. Call to order at 6:06 PM
- II. Review of Minutes (2/01/2024)
 - a. Jerry P. absent
 - b. Correction to Anne S on III a. and Leesa's name
 - i. Bill H move to accept the minutes as corrected
 - ii. Second by Jody M
 - iii. Approved as corrected
- III. Accomplishments:
 - a. Hillview OWLS Program, "Introduction to Audubon and Birding" by Randy W.
 - i. 11 total attendees on 2/27/24
 1. Kevin and Marla K., Pam M-S., Victoria D
 2. 7 registrants
 - b. Bill H. and Ed Brogie
 - i. 80 people for Ponca State Park's "Breakfast with the Birds"
 - ii. Auto tour with 4 people on 2/10/24
- IV. Officer reports:
 - a. President -- Rex R.
 - i. Chapter Annual Report complete and accepted by National Audubon
 1. Chapter subsidy being processed
 2. Thank you, Randy W.
 - ii. LHAS Archives: Boxes of records – no action.
 - iii. Nominating Committee update
 1. Officer slate to be submitted at the April meeting
 2. No updates currently.
 3. Opening positions:
 - a. President – end of 2-year term for Rex, eligible for another 2 years
 - b. Vice-President – end of 2-year term for Bill H., eligible for another 2 years.
 - c. Director 2 – end of 2-year term for Marla K., eligible for another 2 years.
 - d. Director 4 – end of second 2-year term for Jody M.
 - iv. Chapter Annual Business/Membership Meeting with election on Thursday, 02 May 2024.
 - v. Board Retreat in June -- Jody will check Adams Homestead calendar for potluck in June for the 13th, 20th, or 27th.

- vi. Spring Iowa Audubon Meeting in Ames, IA on 24 March 2024. Mainly for the review of grant applications for Iowa Audubon
- b. Vice President -- Bill H.
- c. Treasurer -- Sharon P.
 - i. Beginning balance for month of February - **\$5,388.43**
 - 1. Deposits –
 - a. \$24.00 -- Warbler’s Journey book sales (2)
 - b. \$40.00 -- LHAS chapter memberships (1 new, 1 renewal)
 - c. \$20.00 -- Donation – Linda R.
 - d. \$1848.00 -- Proceeds from LHAS Silent Auction
 - e. \$1932.00 -- **Total Deposits**
 - 2. Withdrawals–
 - a. \$179.76 -- Reimbursement to Randy W. for his payment for the Square Space Website
 - b. \$100.00 -- Speaker Compensation for Dave Swanson
 - c. \$279.76 -- **Total Withdrawals**
 - ii. Ending Balance for month of February - **\$7,040.67**
 - iii. Addition:
 - 1. Documentation of approval inadvertently excluded.
 - 2. Motion to approve the above Treasurer’s report by Jody M.
 - 3. Second by Pam M-S.
 - 4. Unanimous approval
 - iv. Motion to approve the March minutes as corrected by Jeri W.; 2nd by Bill H., with unanimous approval.
 - v. Outstanding Donation/pledges
 - 1. INHF - \$3,000.00 (3 payments of \$1,000.00 each)
 - a. First payment of \$1,000.00 made December 2022
 - b. 2nd payment of \$1,000.00 made December 2023
 - c. 3rd payment due December 2024
 - 2. Donation/pledge of \$1,000.00 for Motus Tracking Project (Dave Swanson, University of South Dakota) if additional funding sources are obtained.
 - vi. There are 8 – 12 *Warbler’s Journey* books remaining. Thanks to Jan N. and Jerry V. for piloting this endeavor!
 - vii. William Vust bequest possibly another 6 months for the process
 - viii. Please see the Finance Working Group report from 12 Feb 2024 for more details.
 - 1. Silent Auction 2025 plans
 - a. We will continue to partner with Sierra Club and their chili social for the next silent auction.
 - b. Thanks to everyone who helped with the auction!
 - 2. Council Oak Coffee Supply -- Pam M-S
 - a. Working with Nick T. and Michael K. and others at Council Oak

- b. Nick T. is here tonight to provide an overview.
 - c. Will primarily use pre-order forms
 - d. Some coffee bags available tonight
 - e. Questions regarding sales tax however this is a donation to the chapter in exchange for a bag of whole coffee beans or ground coffee
 - 3. Appropriation for Birding Backpacks passed by Board quorum at meeting
 - ix. Will have a temporary moratorium on promotional items
 - d. Secretary -- Jerry P., excused absence with Randy W. filling in.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership Committee report -- Marla K.
 - i. 1 new member from the silent auction
 - ii. Birding Backpacks:
 - 1. Approved using funds raised in Silent Auction
 - 2. Backpacks not ordered at this point.
 - a. Online request to Scheels for their possible donation of the backpacks and/or binoculars for this project
 - b. If requests are denied, then funds will be used to purchase the items.
 - c. Will contact Barnes & Noble for possible donation of field guide(s). Similarly, if the request is denied then funds will be used to purchase the field guides.
 - d. Use of new logo for patches?
 - i. Three logos designed by Michael K. and interns with Council Oak Coffee
 - ii. All three available for use by LHAS at no charge
 - iii. One new logo was chosen as a pilot project with the coffee order form
 - iv. Motion by Pam M-S to use the new logo for the patches and to have the logo integrated into other LHAS materials.
 - v. Second by Kari S.
 - vi. Discussion about all three versions versus the current logo
 - vii. Motion passed to move to the new logo
 - viii. Will discuss use of other colors for the logo when the patches are produced.
 - ix. See below for new LHAS logo.
 - b. Chapter Activities Committee report -- Various
 - i. Programs -- Randy W. -- 2024 to 2025 programs are filled except for 3 October and 7 November 2024
 - ii. Birdathon Planning – Marla K, and Bill H.

1. Saturday, May 11, 2024 – World Migratory Bird Day / LHAS Birdathon / Prairie Park Outreach Event
 - a. Randy W. to be at Prairie Park from 9:00 AM to Noon
 - b. Kari S. will have an insect program at 10:00 AM since birds (and other plants and animals) depend on insects and it is the theme for World Migratory Bird Day this year.
 2. Competitive format for the Birdathon was suggested but no feedback.
 3. Letter was not well received for contributions to other LHAS projects. A new letter may not be a good use of resources to ask for Birdathon contributions.
 4. Corporate donation requests have moved online and prefer a specific funding request.
 5. No letter has been composed at this time.
 6. Will look at online donation requests for Scheels and Fleet Farm
- iii. Outings report -- Bill H.
1. Sunday, March 17th afternoon / evening at Ponca Marsh Madness – Park Pass needed.
 2. Saturday, April 13th is Storm Lake with Dana as guide.
 3. May Birdathon – World Migration Day May 11th with Prairie Park outreach
- iv. Projects Committee report -- Randy W. and Bill H.
1. Siouland Bird Guide: Strategy for transport boxes to Oakland Golden Hills RC&D.
 2. Update on Motus proposal by Dave Swanson
 - a. Reapplication with new letter of support from LHAS completed
 - b. Proposal was due 23 February 2024
 - c. Likely to be 4 to 5 months before a decision is made.
 - d. If approved, proposal start date would be 1 September 2024
 3. Mini-Grants moratorium for 2023-24 due to finances
 4. “A Warbler’s Journey”: status update: see Treasurer’s Report, above for remaining books
- v. Conservation Committee report – Kari S.
1. Bird Friendly Iowa (Bird Friendly Community)
 2. Environmental Advisory Board 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 12th at city hall Kari to present Bird Friendly Iowa proposals. The more support the better!
- vi. Communications Committee report – no time.
- c. Directors’ Reports: (Jeri W., Marla K., Pam M-S., Jody M., Kari S.)
- VI. Old Business: None
- VII. New Business: None
- VIII. Reminders:

- a. World Migratory Bird Day: Prairie Park, Sat., 11 May 2024 (9AM-Noon)
 - b. Will add the following two prairie events to the LHAS calendar for chapter involvement to be determined.
 - i. Loess Hills Prairie Seminar (May 31 – June 2, 2024)
 - ii. Iowa Prairie Conf - Iowa Lakeside Lab (August 16 -18, 2024)
 - c. Betty Strong LHAS Photo Exhibit (14-23 Jan 2025)
- IX. Adjournment at 7:01 PM.

General Meeting:

- I. Announcements:
 - a. March/April outings & Birdathon (Bill H.)
 - b. Program: “Don’t Be Afraid of the Dark” by David Hoferer, PhD (Briar Cliff University) Introduction:Randy W.

Attendance: 26

President:	Rex Rundquist	Secretary:	Jerry Probst
Vice-President:	Bill Huser	Treasurer:	Sharon Polifka
Director 1:	Kari Sandage	Director 4:	Jody Moats
Director 2:	Marla Kerr	Director 5:	Jeri Watkins
Director 3:	Pam Miller-Smith		

