

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting  
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
May 2, 2019

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA - 6:15 pm**

**Members Preset:** David H., Paul R., Randy W., Jeri W., Rex R., Jerry V., Dawn S., John P.

**Members Absent:** Jody M., Carol B., Anne S., Leesa M., Donna P., Bill Z., Dotty Z., Gary H.

**Honored Guests:** Sharon P., Gracie W., Anna R., Maria R., Bob N., Phyllis N.

- I. Call to Order 6:24 PM
- II. April meeting minutes were approved as corrected
- III. Secretary's Report
  - a. Printing bill submitted for copies of the Constitution and By-Laws for tonight
  - b. Copies of agenda for tonight are available.
- IV. President - David H.
  - a. Siouxland Earth Day Recap
    - i. We did well.
      1. Sierra Club has sign up sheets and we borrowed some blank copies.
      2. 4 new potential members to add to e-mail list at least.
    - ii. Busy 2.5 hours at first
    - iii. Panels were set up with a little delay
  - b. Prep for Constitution and By-Laws Votes
    - i. Change of order for tonight
    - ii. Announcements
    - iii. Program
    - iv. Then member voting
      1. To approve Constitution
      2. To approve By-Laws
    - v. Nominating committee and nominees
      1. Nominations accepted from the floor
      2. The nominated person must be present in order to accept or decline the nomination.
  - c. June Retreat if new bylaws pass
    - i. New officer training
    - ii. Lay out budget for the new fiscal year
    - iii. Set goals for the next season of meetings and fiscal year
    - iv. Possibly open this to anyone who may be interested in participating.
- V. Vice-President - Paul R.
  - a. Birdathon!
    - i. Goal of \$3000 for this year

- ii. Get support from outside of LHAS
    - iii. Four-day time frame from 5/10 through 5/13
  - b. Not-for-profit PayPal account for LHAS
    - i. Cost of 2.2% plus \$0.30
    - ii. Add button/link to website
    - iii. This can be used for Birdathon or for potential chapter-only memberships and renewals.
  - c. NAS National Convention
    - i. It looks stunningly wonderful
    - ii. A little expensive for some
    - iii. Lots of good information and opportunities
  - d. Members numbers
    - i. Still more names than people coming to meetings
    - ii. Still trying to make contact with some of the names to encourage them to show up
- VI. Treasurer - Jeri W.
  - a. No credits
  - b. Debits
    - i. \$75 - Mike Greiner, program
    - ii. Redeemer Lutheran Parish Hall - \$80
    - iii. PayPal for website - \$4.95
  - c. Balance - \$5263.09
  - d. New bills
    - i. Newsletter
    - ii. Printing cost for Constitution and Bylaws
    - iii. DPNC for use of the facilities for this last season, 9/18 through 5/19
      - 1. It was noted in discussion the DPNC should officially close by 10 PM.
      - 2. LHAS should make every effort to get out by 9:00 PM
    - iv. Moved, seconded, and approved to have the bills paid
  - e. We have 2 presenters tonight. One check will be provided to the Spirit Mound Trust which will cover both of our speakers.
- VII. Membership - Donna P. See Vice President report, above.
- VIII. Conservation - Bill Z. No report.
- IX. Naturalist/Education - Jody M. No report.
- X. Outings - Jerry V.
  - a. Birdathon! Is coming up. See Vice President report, above.
  - b. Intended summer schedule
    - i. June 8
    - ii. July 13
    - iii. Aug 3
  - c. Website is up to date
- XI. Publicity - Dawn S. Will provide information regarding Birdathon!
- XII. Social - Carol B. No report
- XIII. Audubon Adventures - Gary H. No report.

- XIV. Old Business – None listed.
- XV. New Business/Open Discussion
  - a. Need to get outside LHAS to try to bring new people to the meetings and outings
  - b. Partner with other groups (Woodbury County, Sierra Club) to have some joint programs
  - c. Try to make people welcome
  - d. Discussion with proposal to have chapter-only membership
    - i. Problem has been bookkeeping
    - ii. We’re starting to work around that to open this up.
    - iii. This would be a calendar basis for us, Jan to Dec.
- XVI. Tabled Business
  - a. Holiday protocol discussion
  - b. Format for General Meetings
    - i. Share sightings, questions, announcements, etc.
    - ii. Annual meeting format: Formal presentation of this past year’s activities/accomplishments to general membership?
- XVII. Adjourn motion and second. 7 :20 PM

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA - 7:30 pm

- I. Call to order – 7:34 PM
- II. Announcements
  - a. Membership
    - i. Update of membership renewal versus donation for National Audubon.
    - ii. How to limit the number of e-mail from National Audubon
  - b. Birdathon!
    - i. Pledges from family and friends.
    - ii. Goal for \$3000 this year. This is the primary fundraiser for our chapter.
    - iii. New four-day period: 5/10 through 5/13.
    - iv. Bird anyplace you want!
    - v. Only track the species found.
  - c. Summer activities with outing dates (see above, “Outings”)
    - i. Birdathon! – 5/10 through 5/13.
    - ii. Jun 8
    - iii. Jul 13
    - iv. Aug 3
- III. Leesa McNeill: Introduction of speakers - Meghann Jarchow & David Swanson - “Spirits of the Mound” program.
- IV. LHAS Constitution – David H.
  - a. Review of chapter history and reasoning for constructing a Constitution
  - b. Motion and second to discuss the constitution
  - c. Motion to approve
  - d. Unanimous voice vote for approval; no nay votes, no abstains

- V. Changes to By-Laws – Dave H.
  - a. Review of chapter history and reasoning for revisions
  - b. Motion and second to discuss the changes to the bylaws
  - c. Begin to provide a chapter-only membership
    - i. Need to have infrastructure in place to handle bookwork and billing
    - ii. Committee revisions (see below) and technology can better facilitate this option.
  - d. Board of Directors
    - i. 4 officers and new terms
    - ii. 5 directors with staggered terms – even number, even election year; odd number, odd election year
  - e. Committee revisions:
    - i. Committees were reorganized and redefined
    - ii. Proposed committees are as follows:
      - 1. Membership Committee
      - 2. Chapter Activities Committee
      - 3. Conservation Committee
      - 4. Communications Committee
      - 5. Projects Committee
    - iii. More work will need to be performed to further refine the duties and processes of the reorganized committees.
  - f. Unanimous voice vote to approve the changes to the By-Laws; no nay votes, no abstain.
- VI. Elections - Nominating Committee Maria R.
  - a. Announcement of nominations:
    - i. David Hoferer for President
    - ii. Paul Roisen for Vice-President
    - iii. Randy Williams for Secretary
    - iv. Jeri Watkins for Treasurer
    - v. Director 1 – Jerry Von Ehwegen
    - vi. Director 2 – Donna Popp
    - vii. Director 3 – Anne Shaner
    - viii. Director 4 – Rex Rundquist
    - ix. Director 5 – Dotty Zales
  - b. All have agreed to serve the specified terms
    - i. Secretary and Treasurer for 2-year terms beginning with this election.
    - ii. President and Vice President for 1 more year
    - iii. Any nominations from the floor for:
      - 1. President
      - 2. Vice President
      - 3. Secretary
      - 4. Treasurer
      - 5. Director 1
      - 6. Director 2

7. Director 3
8. Director 4
9. Director 5

iv. There were no further nominations from the general membership for any of the positions listed above.

v. Move by Leesa M. and second by Maria R. to accept the nominations as presented by the Nominating Committee.

1. Unanimous voice vote to accept the nominated individuals as presented by the Nominating Committee.

2. There were no nay votes and no abstains

VII. Motion and second to adjourn at 9:13 PM

General Meeting Attendees: 28