

Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
December 6, 2018

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6:15 pm

Officers Present: David Hoferer, Paul Roisen, Randy Williams, Jerry Watkins, Donna Popp, Ann Shaner, Rex Rundquist, Bill Zales, Jody Moats, Jerry Von Ehwegen, Dotty Zales, Carol Blair, Dawn Snyder
Officers Absent: John Polifka, Gary Heineman, Leesa McNeil
Honored Guests: Jan Null, Bob & Phyllis Nickolson, Chuck Johnson, Maria Rundquist

- I. Call to Order at 6:20 PM
- II. Minutes from the November meeting were approved by consensus
- III. Secretary's Report - Randy W.
 - A. Only one correction noted for the November minutes
 - B. The date of the October outing was corrected from 10 October to 20 October.
- IV. President - David H.
 - A. Annual report to National Audubon is being compiled and worked on
 - B. Due by June 2019 but typically sent in at the end of the calendar year
 - C. Information coming to David for the report.
 - D. A copy of the compiled report will be submitted to the Board members for approval
- V. Vice-President - Paul R.
 - A. Job descriptions are being received
 1. This is a work-in-progress
 2. Just send a first draft at this time we will fine tune
 - B. Updating bylaws
 1. Some updates have been sent
 2. Some appear to require some serious work, for example there is no mention of our participation in Iowa Audubon.
 3. The newest version is available on the website
 - C. Submission formats
 1. When sending versions of the bylaws or job descriptions, please do not use .pdf format
 2. The submission may need to be edited and/or copied and pasted into another document.
 3. Not all versions of .pdfs can be easily edited, copied or pasted.
 4. Microsoft Word format seems to work best for most people.

- D. Leesa McNeil will step down from the programs position as of May 2019.
 - 1. Programs and speakers Leesa has found for us have been outstanding. Thank you!
 - 2. Rex will work on a job aid for what to do to obtain speakers
 - 3. If one does not exist, we need to have an archive of speakers and programs
- E. Combining of committees with 1 chair and several members working on the subgroups

VI. Treasurer - Jeri W.

~~A. Who is the registered agent for LHAS?~~

- ~~1. This needs to be filed with Iowa Secretary of State.~~
- ~~2. The agent needs a physical address (not a PO Box) and live in Iowa.~~
- ~~3. Registration is required in the odd-numbered year.~~
- ~~4. Registration is accepted from 1 January to 1 April.~~

B. Biennial Report

- 1. Needs to be filed with Iowa Secretary of State on odd numbered years
- 2. Notice with a code to use when filing the report is sent to the Registered Agent for Loess Hills Audubon in January
- 3. Registered Agent needs a physical address (not a PO Box) and to live in Iowa.
- 4. Who is the Registered Agent for LHAS?
- 5. ADDENDUM: Per e-correspondence with John Polifka, 9 Dec 2018
 - a) Current document on file lists Chuck Johnson as Registered Agent for LHAS.
 - b) Bylaws do not address as to who should serve in that capacity, (e.g. current board member)

C. Renewal for PO Box was received.

D. Credits - \$395

E. Debits - \$163.79

F. Balance - \$5343.59

VII. Membership - Donna P. No report.

VIII. Conservation - Bill Z.

- A. The second firearm season for deer begins Saturday, 12/8. Watch yourself in the woods !
- B. Flyers on display from Iowa Prairie Network
- C. Information also available for birding tour vacations.

IX. Naturalist/Education - Jody M. Identification assistance with a cell phone photo of a color morph of a grackle?

X. Outings - Jerry V.

- A. A record of 2 people for the November outing!
- B. Thirty-two species were seen.

- C. Dec is Christmas Bird Count on 15th - Jerry Probst has more information
- D. Area CBCs are on the LHAS website.
- E. The website is up to date for outings, outing reports, bylaws, chapter minutes, bird of the month.
- XI. Publicity - Dawn S.
 - A. Press release to media for various CBCs and meetings.
- XII. Social - Carol B. No report.
- XIII. Audubon Adventures - Gary H. No report.
- XIV. Old Business
 - A. LHAS manual - Dave, Paul, Randy. See Paul's VP report, above.
 - B. Holiday protocol discussion
 - 1. Jan 3 for next meeting
 - 2. Need to set a policy for meetings that fall on or very near a holiday
 - a) Decide at first meeting of the season
 - b) Probably move the affected meeting to the second Thursday of the appropriate month
 - c) New Year and Easter would be the most likely conflicts
 - C. Potential VP to President transition
 - 1. VP - President - Past President
 - 2. Essentially, we would need to find a new VP every year?
 - 3. Does the President need to be an active President for 2 years?
 - a) Should this transition be:
 - (1) 1 - 1 - 1 for the active President?
 - (2) 1 - 2 - 1 for the active President?
 - (3) Should we go longer?
 - (4) The idea is that sometimes it takes longer to accomplish the President's goals than the one year as the active President.
 - 4. Board members and meetings
 - a) Although everyone is welcome to attend Board meetings, how many Board members are REQUIRED to attend every month?
 - b) Do committee members need to be at the Board meetings?
 - c) Do the committees need to report to the Board every month?
 - d) This may be related to submitting reports for agenda items and accuracy of the minutes of the Board meetings.
 - 5. It may be better to combine some of the committees to provide several individuals and depth. More efficient. Tasks are more delineated
 - D. Iowa Young Birders
 - 1. email from Tyler Harms
 - 2. donation to Iowa Young Birders

3. Putting together grant proposals for a budget. Further discussion and action tabled to later.
- E. Nature Center Construction & Meetings - Dawn
 1. Smaller space for Jan and Feb meetings (about half the size of our current space)
 2. New HVAC system being installed for the DPNC
 3. The work could possibly last through April.
 4. We will try to make do with DPNC
- F. Format for General Meetings
 1. Share sightings, questions, announcements, etc.
 2. Annual meeting format
 3. Formal presentation of this past year's activities/accomplishments to general membership?
- XV. New Business
 - A. Newsletter - Anne S.
 1. Please get all items for the Jan/Feb newsletter to Anne by December 27
 2. Great Backyard Bird Count in Feb.
 - B. Bird Food Report - Dotty Z.
 1. The final tally
 2. \$750.34 from 25 orders
 3. More competition from commercial sources than previous years.
 4. No orders from website, most support from LHAS members.
 5. Donations to the chapter also came from the orders.
 6. Is all the effort worth it? It was originally started to encourage support of the chapter.
 7. Re-purpose this
 - a) As a project to raise money?
 - b) Such as raise money to take bird food to nursing homes?
 - c) This could also provide positive publicity for the chapter
 8. Partner with a supplier?
 - a) A sale means a portion of that will go to LHAS?
 - b) This idea was not well received at Bomgaars.
 9. 3 bags left to sell - tonight?
 - C. Christmas Bird Count reminder - Dawn S.
- XVI. Adjourn at 7 :25 PM

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order at 7:38 PM
- II. Member slide show and Christmas treats tonight!
- III. Announcements
 - A. Jerry P.

- B. Outings
- IV. Area bird sightings
- V. Adjourn - 9:20 PM.

33 attendees.