**LHAS Board Minutes (compiled by Jerry P., Randy W., Marla K., and Sharon P.)**

**THURSDAY FEB 2, 2023**

**DORTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER**

**Members present: Rex R, Bill H, Sharon P, Jerry P, Randy W, Marla K, Jody M, Jerry V, Dawn S**

**Honored Guests: Maria R, Jeanne B, Kevin K, Bill and Dottie Z, Jan N, John P**

Call to Order REX R 6:06 PM

1. Review of January Minutes motion JM 2nd RW passed
2. Accomplishments
   1. LHAS Silent Auction at NW Iowa Sierra Chili Social Jan 14th
      1. Donations totaled $470.00, 33 items were sold – items were graciously donated by LHAS members, DPNC, and Adams Nature Center.
      2. Thank you to Jeanne Bockholt and the NW Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club.
   2. DeSoto bird outing on Jan 14 had 17 participants
   3. Welcome to new participants (see below, Membership)
3. President Rex R
   1. Committee to work on settling future officers for next season
   2. Discussion on Silent Auction in 2024 - see above
4. Vice-President Report – Bill H
   1. Upcoming Outing Dates – February, March, April, and May
   2. February 18th – Great Backyard Bird Count
   3. An outing leader will be needed for March
      1. Bill H. and Jerry P. are out-of-town.
      2. Outing leader can pick outing date, time, and destination.
   4. April 15th – Perhaps prairie chickens? Bald Eagle nest monitoring (see below, Conservation Project)?
   5. May 13 – Global Big Day
      1. Bird Survey of Little Sioux Scout Camp?
      2. How to obtain access was discussed (?)
   6. Conservation Project – The IA DNR is recruiting Eagle nest monitors.
      1. This could be an outing idea.
      2. Suggested that LHAS members act to find and document all Eagle and Osprey nests in Plymouth and Woodbury Counties.
      3. Suggested in early Spring before the emergence of leaves.
   7. Outing Improvement
      1. Communication issues between cars during outings with car caravans.
      2. Recommended purchasing walkie talkies for the Chapter
      3. Have chapter members purchase their own through the Chapter
      4. Have a few purchased walkie talkies for new outing participants to use.
      5. Board approved of this suggestion and wanted to proceed with this.
      6. Bill H will do further research and recommend a product for the Chapter to purchase.
5. Treasurer Sharon P
   1. Report on progress of Bill V bequeathment to be determined after the care of his pets is completed.
   2. Beginning $8473.62, Deposits $1302.25, Debits 388.02 Balance $9,387.85 motion BH 2nd JP passed
   3. Sharon will also investigate the name of the LHAS registered agent.
6. Membership Committee Marla K
   1. Silent Auction 2024
      1. Invited again by Sierra Club
      2. OK to proceed by LHAS Board for next year.
      3. Marla and Jeanne Bockholt met and debriefed on enhancements for next year’s auction.
   2. Google for Non-profits – Randy and Marla will meet.
   3. New Members – Timothy and Vikki Jacobs from North Sioux City, SD
   4. Signature Sale Item Suggested by Jody M.
      1. Discussion followed
      2. Board suggested a committee to develop ideas.
   5. Do we want to participate in the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar June 2-4 in Onawa?
      1. Jeanne is organizing
      2. There is no charge for vendor or exhibit table
7. Conservation Committee – Marla K, Bill Zales, Dotty Zales
   1. Bird Friendly Iowa Update
      1. Kari Sandage and Marla met on 1-23-23
      2. Kari will contact David Hoferer on his Lights Out Program and outreach.
      3. Cats Indoors Campaign – Brochures at Coffee and Purrs (Downtown SC) and at DPNC
      4. Obtained Partners for our efforts.
      5. Will continue to find ways to satisfy requirements for the Reduce Threats to Birds Section of the criteria for Bird Friendly IA
8. Chapter Activities
   1. Speakers for next season
   2. Tyler Flammang confirmed for Jan or Feb of 2024
   3. Randy W. will contact Don Poggensee
      1. Other contenders:
         1. Travis Scott, O’Brien Cons.?
         2. Dave Swanson?
         3. Todd VonEhwegen? Jody M. to contact?
9. Projects Committee – Randy W.
   1. USD Motus tower project
      1. Request from Dave Swanson at USD
      2. Would LHAS be willing to pledge money for a Motus tower project?
         1. Towers track tagged wildlife
         2. Proposal to place towers along the Missouri River from Dakota Dunes to Gavin’s Point Dam
         3. Towers could also be placed in other habitats
         4. Initial proposals could track Least Terns and/or LeConte’s Sparrow
      3. This would be a pledge. No funds required unless other funding sources are approved.
      4. Motion to pledge $1000.00 for this project with a written letter of support to SD Game, Fish and Parks. No money to be given unless other funding sources
         1. Motion by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
         2. Second by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
         3. Motion approved for $1000.00 pledge
         4. Form letter regarding a pledge was sent by Dave Swanson. This will be used to send pledge announcement to SD GF&P
         5. Randy will modify appropriately for signature by Rex R.
   2. A Warbler’s Journey
      1. Tabled due to lack of time.
      2. Randy, Marla and Sharon will evaluate further and have some options for the March meeting.
10. Adjourn - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?