**LOESS HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Executives Present:** Maria R., Bob L., Randy W., Jeri W., Jerry V. Donna P., Dotty Z. Anne S., Jody M.

**Executive Absent:** None

**Honored Guests:** Bill H., Sharon P., Jan N., Dawn S.

1. Call to order at 6:00 PM by Maria R.
   1. Welcome new member Michael P. O’Connor
   2. Need 3 people to serve on the nominating committee
   3. We require nominations for:
      1. Treasurer
      2. Secretary
      3. Directors 1
      4. Director 3
      5. Director 5
   4. We already have some agreements
      1. Sharon Polifka is willing to become Treasurer (Jeri Watkins has served 4 years)
      2. Jerry von Ehwegen is willing to continue as Director 1
      3. Randy Williams is willing to move to Director 3 (Anne Shaner wishes to retire)
   5. We need to find
      1. Secretary (due to Randy’s hearing issues)
      2. Director 5 (Dotty Zales wishes to retire)
   6. A nominating committee was established
      1. Bob Livermore
      2. Bill Huser
      3. Dotty Zales
   7. Please contact one of the above committee members if you are interested in Secretary or Director 5
2. Secretary’s report - Randy W.
   1. Approval of minutes
      1. Apologies the January minutes were sent earlier but not re-sent prior to this meeting
      2. Approval will wait for the March meeting.
      3. Only one correction was passed along
      4. Will re-send following this meeting.
   2. Website update
      1. We are current for calendar information and all CBCs are posted
      2. The web page that correlates with tonight’s program is live
      3. Information available for Nebraska Crane Festival
3. Treasurer report - Jeri W.
   1. Funds received from National Audubon of $572.25
   2. Payment to PayPal for the Tripod website of $4.95
   3. Balance of $12,060.77
   4. Invoice submitted by Randy W. for
      1. Reimbursement of $154.08 for the SquareSpace website
      2. From 31 January 2020 through 30 January 2021.
      3. Motion by Bob L. and Second by Dotty Z. to reimburse
      4. Passed by unanimous vote
   5. $100.00 grant received from The Blackbaud Giving Fund on behalf of Thermo Fisher Scientific
      1. This was unexpected
      2. Bob Livermore will investigate further
4. Outings Coordinator - Bill H.
   1. January outing was canceled due to weather
   2. February scheduled for Saturday, 2/13
      1. Great Backyard Bird Count participation
      2. Contact Bill H.
         1. Bill will assign small groups
         2. This will provide coverage for specific areas similar to – but not as strict – as Christmas Bird Counts
   3. March is scheduled for Saturday, 3/13 – we will go to where the birds are
5. Directors reports
   1. Jerry V. – CBCs are on the Tripod site
   2. Donna P. – No report but is curious as to how many will log on to tonight’s program
   3. Anne S. – No report
   4. Jody M. – Keeping current with Facebook, all contributions remain welcome!
   5. Dotty Z.:
      1. Programs remain on track
      2. 4 March – Graham McGaffin, Iowa & China – More in Common than Loess. This is planned as a Zoom virtual meeting.
      3. 8 April – Bill Huser and Jerry Probst, Bird Identification
         1. Addendum: This date was changed following the Board Meeting
         2. Change is due to Maundy Thursday religious services on 1 April.
         3. It remains undetermined if this will be a Zoom virtual meeting or an in-person gathering at Dorothy Pecaut.
      4. 6 May – Diane and Warren Marton, Namibia and Botswana.
         1. This is also our Annual Business/Membership meeting
         2. It remains undetermined if this will be a Zoom virtual meeting or an in-person gathering at Dorothy Pecaut.
      5. Question was brought up regarding the discrepancy between Zoom meeting times (7:00 PM) and traditional in-person meeting times (7:30 PM).
         1. We will continue with the earlier times with Zoom virtual meetings.
         2. We will return to the later traditional time when in-person meetings resume.
6. Vice-President – Bob L.: No report
7. Committee reports
   1. Dawn S.:
      1. Building Better Birder Workshops and field trips are cancelled due to illness of the presenter
      2. Will try to reschedule the workshop and field trip for May
      3. We could have a tie-in with our Birdathon!
      4. Group use of Dorothy Pecaut remains undetermined.
   2. Jan Null – 20 minute presentation about birds, birding and photography to a local women’s group.
   3. Jeanne Bockholt – No report.
8. Old Business
   1. LHAS displays need a new home
   2. Currently in the garage of David H.
   3. He needs the space and would like to have them stored under better environmental conditions
9. New Business
   1. SquareSpace website backup
      1. Randy is the only one with access to the site
      2. LHAS needs to find a backup for Randy
         1. David H. previously expressed an interest
         2. Rex R. previously expressed and interest
         3. Anyone else?
         4. Randy will recheck with David and Rex
      3. Randy will provide training
      4. Need to have COVID cases continue to drop
   2. Birdathon
      1. Paul R. stated he could not coordinate this year
      2. Were letters to businesses sent out last year?
      3. Bill H. will check with Paul
   3. Woodbury County Conservation Board
      1. Upcoming annual meeting and presentation on 28 February
      2. Zoom presentation by naturalist Kari Sandage
   4. Post Office Box
      1. Need to complete PS Form 1093 for continuation of box rental
      2. Randy will complete with home information, including two forms of identification, and return to post office.
      3. Jeri Watkins will also be listed on the form.
10. Adjourn at 6:59 PM

**LHAS Presentation**

**Thursday, 4 February 2021**

1. Zoom LHAS General Meeting – 7:02 PM
   1. First virtual meeting for the general LHAS membership
   2. There were 19 log on’s for the presentation but several log on’s had more than one individual watching and listening to the presentation.
   3. General announcements for upcoming events
2. Presentation of LHAS member slide show by Randy Williams
   1. Coordinate with SquareSpace webpage of the images and stories behind the images
   2. Thank you to the photographers and storytellers who contributed images to the presentation and webpage.
3. Adjourn at 8:30 PM

**LHAS Chapter Executives**

President Maria Rundquist Director 1 Jerry VonEhwegen

Vice President Bob Livermore Director 2 Donna Popp

Secretary Randy Williams Director 3 Anne Shaner

Treasurer Jeri Watkins Director 4 Jody Moats Director 5 Dotty Zales