LHAS Board Meeting, Thursday, 6 January 2022

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Board Meeting at 6:00PM, Program at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Maria R., Sharon P., Randy W., Jody M., Donna P., Jerry V.

Members Absent: Jerry P., Dawn S.

Honored Guests: John P., Jeanne B., Chuck J., Jan N., Bill Z., Dotty Z., Bill H.

1. Call to order - Maria R. at 6:04 PM
2. New member recruits
   1. Alicia Jessip (Hispanic) & Treyla Lee (African-American)
      1. Inclusion of ethnicity was discussed.
      2. Annual Report submitted to National is trying to assess diversity within chapters.
      3. There are related questions in the submitted report.
      4. Chapter goals should include working towards a diverse membership.
   2. Sent email to Dr. James Case to join; considering joining LHAS in the near future.
3. Tabled item - Steve Albert’s email, asking for comments and action
   1. Request for LHAS to donate to [www.birdpop.org](http://www.birdpop.org) to help bird banders in Latin America or other research areas.
   2. Randy sent out an email with background regarding this issue
   3. Would prefer to support local measures and projects.
   4. Polite refusal email will be sent
4. Larwrence David Roesler memorial –
   1. <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/lawrence-roesler-obituary?id=31999744>
   2. Memorial donations to go to LHAS per obituary
   3. Email form received from Ms. Vicki Oeljen inquiring how/where to send a memorial
   4. Randy sent information to Ms. Oeljen regarding this issue.
   5. One memorial received as of 1/6/22 (not from Ms. Oeljen)
      1. Will track with spreadsheet
      2. Thank you card will be sent
      3. No specification as to how the memorial should be used
5. Programs and Iowa Audubon - No report, Rex under the weather and hope he is better soon.
6. Secretary’s Report - Jerry P.; Randy W. is substituting tonight
   1. Correction just received tonight (1/6/22)
      1. Correction regarding new regional OFFICE to include MN, IA, MO, and NE per National Audubon
      2. Newsletter is available on the Iowa Audubon website and on the Loess Hills website.
   2. These were merged as one entry in the minutes but should be two separate entries.
   3. Will correct and re-submit for approval in February
7. Treasurer’s Report - Sharon P.
   1. Beginning balance as of 12/1/21: $12,532.45
   2. December deposits
      1. $10.00 Jan Null donation
      2. $572.25 – National Audubon electronic transfer
      3. Total deposits: $582.25
   3. December withdrawls
      1. $4.95 – PayPal
      2. $118.00 – US Postal Service PO box rent for 1 year
      3. Total withdrawls: $122.95
   4. Ending balance as of 12/31/21: $12,991.75
   5. A Treasure Chest of information reviewed!
      1. Box of documents received from Jeri W.
      2. Minutes, handouts, old newsletters
         1. One from 2007
         2. Most from 2014 and more recent
      3. We will not keep these
   6. Discussion followed regarding archives given to Jerry V. from Bob N. from SC Bird Club.
      1. What should be done with these?
      2. Would SC Public Museum be interested in these real old records?
         1. Most likely
         2. Dotty Z. mentioned SC Public Museum was open to receive records of this nature. The museum has accepted documents from one of her other organizations.
         3. LHAS would need to determine what is “valuable” and worth keeping
      3. Jerry V. and assistants will evaluate the records to determine what to keep and what not to.
      4. SC Public Museum will then be contacted regarding inclusion and storage at their facility.
      5. Addendum (Randy W.): Smaller, shorter records, such as bird lists or program advertisements, could be scanned to .pdf or .jpg files and placed on the LHAS website.
8. Outing Coordinator - Bill H.
   1. Christmas Bird Count reports are on the website
   2. January 22 to Waterman Creek, north and west of Peterson, IA. Meet in the northeast corner of the parking lot of the Leeds Walmart at 7:00 AM. It is 82 miles to the Prairie Heritage Center where we will meet Lee Schonewe and maybe some other guests. This is primarily an auto tour.
   3. February 19 – Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Meet at 7:30 AM at the public boat landing at Chris Larsen Park. LHAS will bird locally (riverfronts?) then break to participate at Adams or DPNC. Ponca’s Breakfast with the Birds is on a different date so there is no official GBBC activity at Ponca. Adams Homestead and DPNC will open at 9:00 AM for GBBC activities. LHAS members can assist at either (or both!) areas or continue birding elsewhere. DPNC has a bird walk starting at 10:00 AM and any assistance would be appreciated. Adams and DPNC participants will stick close to those areas as schedules permit.
   4. March – Re-thinking the potential Sandhill Cranes trip due to Covid and other uncertainties. A more local trip may be a better option.
9. Director Reports:
   1. Jerry VonEhwagen - no report
   2. Donna Popp – Membership - no report
      1. Randy W. asked regarding a MailChimp notice for grant application
      2. One was not sent but will be. Information on the home page of the website.
   3. Randy Williams
      1. Website
         1. All Christmas Bird Counts posted
         2. For the Love of Birds Festival
            1. January 26 – 30.
            2. Virtual festival
            3. Presentations are posted daily but must be viewed by 1/30/22.
            4. $12 cost. Registration provides a key or link to viewing the presentations.
            5. Website is up for renewal on 31 January 2022.
      2. Larry Roesler Memorials
         1. He will check PO box
         2. Spreadsheet is started to track donations
         3. Will send thank you cards until Jerry P. returns.
   4. Jody Moats
      1. Mini-grant update
         1. No applications yet
         2. Grant application is on the Facebook page.
      2. Facebook is up to date
      3. **Need approval from the photographer** for photos to be used
   5. Dawn Snyder – no report but see above regarding mini-grants.
10. Old Business
11. New Business
    1. Rex and Maria going to Iowa Prairie Network winter meeting on 1/29/22
    2. Maria running for Woodbury County Board of Supervisors – looking for signatures of Woodbury County residents for her name to be placed on the ballot.
    3. Nominating committee needed for February – think about it!
12. ADJOURN at 6:57 PM – motion by Sharon P., second by Jody M. and approved.

**General Meeting**

1. Call to order at 7:08 PM
2. Announcements of upcoming outings
3. Program: Randy Williams – Trail Tales at Adams Homestead
4. Adjourn at 8:10 PM

Attendees: 19