LHAS Minutes 7 Oct 2021

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Members Present: Maria R., Jerry V., Dawn S., Randy W., Sharon P., Jody M. (by phone)

Members Absent: Jerry P., Donna P.

Honored Guests: Rex R., Bob & Phyllis N., Bill H., Marla K., John P.

1. Call to order at 6:05 PM – Maria R.
2. Update for upcoming programs - Rex R.
	1. 4 November – Graham McGaffin
		1. This program moved to Briar Cliff University
		2. Iowa Naturalists meeting at DPNC on this date
		3. Board meeting at 6:00 PM with Graham’s presentation at 7:00 PM.
	2. 2 December – Christmas Party and member slide show
	3. 6 January 2022 – Randy Williams with a presentation about Adams Homestead
	4. 3 February 2022 – Rex Rundquist and Paul Roisen with a presentation about using the eBird application
	5. 3 March 2022 – Jerry VonEhwegen with a presentation about 30 years of birding with LHAS
	6. 7 April 2022 – Jerry Probst and Bill Huser with bird identification presentation
	7. 5 May 2022 – remains open although Dave Swanson from USD has been contacted regarding a presentation. No response from Dave at this time.
3. Approval of minutes – Jerry P.; Randy W. substituting due to Jerry’s self-quarantine
	1. September minutes stated LHAS display boards were moved to a new location arranged by Rex and Maria R. No contact information was documented if the displays were needed but Rex and Maria were unavailable.
	2. Contact information from Rex and Maria as follows:
		1. Dr. Raul Banagale, 2930 Memorial Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51103
		2. Email: rcban@hotmail.com
		3. Phone: 712-389-0727
	3. Discussion followed that LHAS should provide some compensation to the Banagale family for becoming stewards of our displays.
		1. Suggestion was proposed to provide a two-year Chapter-only membership.
		2. Motion by Dawn S., second by Jerry V to provide a chapter-only membership for the landlord of the displays.
		3. Motion approved and Donna P. will be contacted to add Dr. Banagale to our membership roster and email list.
	4. Two clarifications were made to the minutes prior to this meeting.
		1. Motion by Dawn S to approve corrected minutes, second by Randy W.
		2. Motion passed to accept the corrected minutes.
4. Treasurer report - Sharon P.
	1. No credits
	2. Debits
		1. Randy W. $30.75 (Stone Park shelter reservation for September meeting)
		2. Friends of Stone Park (speaker compensation for September meeting) - $75.00
		3. PayPal - $4.95
	3. Balance $12,522.66
	4. Motion by Sharon P., second by Jerry V to provide funds for Lee S. for travel expenses for Lee’s October presentation.
	5. Motion by Randy W. to accept the Treasurers report, second by Dawn S. Report approved as read.
5. Outing Coordinator - Bill H.
	1. Little Sioux 10/16.
	2. 11/13 – Gavin’s Point at 7:00 AM due to distance.
	3. Tuesday, 12/14 – Ponca CBC
	4. Thursday, 12/16 – Westfield CBC
	5. Saturday, 12/18 – LHAS CBC.
	6. Sunday, 12/19 – Yankton CBC
	7. Sunday, 1/2/2022 - Ida Grove CBC (personal communication with Don P.)
6. Director Reports:
	1. Jerry V. – Director 1
		1. Recent observation of a kettle of 80 Turkey vultures
		2. Bird of the month submitted to Jody M. and Randy W. for posting to Facebook and Squarespace website.
	2. Donna P. – Director 2 - No report. She is up and walking and home.
	3. Randy W. – Director 3
		1. Filling in for Secretary Jerry P. tonight due to his self-quarantine
		2. Mail from our PO Box
			1. Opportunity to purchase Audubon calendars and resell
				1. LHAS will pass at this time.
				2. Not very successful in times past.
			2. Upper Iowa Audubon Society newsletter (near Decorah, IA)
				1. Outdoor activities continue
				2. Indoor activities remain on hold due to COVID-19
		3. Squarespace website is up to date for meetings, outings and bird sightings
		4. LHAS now has its own YouTube Channel
			1. Sorry, forgot to mention this at the meeting
			2. Submit video to me on a flash drive
			3. I will post to YouTube
			4. Then link the YouTube posting to the Squarespace website.
	4. Jody M. – Director 4, via telephone
		1. Grant Application Update (co-chair with Dawn S.)
		2. Only 1 change suggested
		3. Questions regarding the application form.
			1. Do we want a competition?
			2. Or just 1 awarded per time?
		4. Further discussion followed following input from Dawn S. (next)
	5. Dawn S. – Director 5
		1. Grant Application Update (co-chair with Jody M.)
			1. When do we open the applications? Close?
				1. Start with new season at the beginning of September, possibly next season?
				2. Close applications at the end of January to allow appropriate evaluation time by the board
			2. Is there a maximum amount any one project can request?
				1. To be determined
				2. Need to provide the applicant(s) with an upper limit.
				3. Board could award higher depending on:

The number of requests received

The amounts requested

The worthiness of the project(s).

* + 1. Are there any more Siouxland Bird Guide maps available?
			1. Bill H. will get copies to Dawn S.
			2. DPNC has had recent requests regarding local birding areas
1. Old Business – None.
2. New Business
	1. Sharon P. - Bird outing based on one location only – AKA: A Big Sit
		1. Use this for those with mobility issues.
		2. Possibly use an area where some could remain in one location and others could go on walkabout?
		3. Possibilities could be:
			1. DPNC
			2. Adams Homestead
			3. Bacon Creek shelter
			4. Crystal Cove?
	2. Dawn S. - Regional REAP assembly
		1. Tuesday, 19 October, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
		2. Correctionville Community Center, 312 Driftwood St., Correctionville, IA
		3. For residents of Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties.
		4. Input needed for future funding allocations
		5. REAP delegates are chosen for the state REAP assembly in Des Moines (in person or via Zoom)
3. Adjourn at 6:55 PM

PROGRAM

1. Call to order at 7:08 PM
2. Announcements
	1. Social Coordinator – Jeanne B. – sign up for treats!
	2. REAP Assembly – Dawn S.
		1. Tuesday 10/19 at 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
		2. Correctionville Community Center
		3. For residents of Cherokee, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, and Woodbury counties.
	3. November LHAS meeting in the Clare Room of the St. Francis Center at Briar Cliff
		1. Board at 6:00 PM
		2. Our speaker, Graham McGaffin, taking the stage at 7:00 PM to discuss Loess Landforms.
	4. Outings – Bill H.
		1. 10/16 - Little Sioux Park near Correctionville, IA. Meet at 7:00 AM in the northwest corner of the Singing Hills Walmart
		2. 11/13 7:00 AM at the public boat launch at Chris Larson Park. Heading north to Gavin’s Point Dam.
3. Our speaker tonight, Mr. Lee Schoenewe, to be introduced by Rex R.
4. Adjourn at 8:20 PM

24 Attendees

**LHAS Board of Directors**

President - Maria Rundquist

Vice President - open

Treasurer - Sharon Polifka

Secretary Jerry Probst

Director 1 - Jerry VonEhwegen

Director 2 - Donna Popp

Director 3 - Randy Williams

Director 4 - Jody Moats

Director 5 - Dawn Snyder