**LOESS HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY**

**ZOOM BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, 4 MARCH 2021**

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

**Executive Absent:** Bob L.

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

1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM by Maria R.
   1. Maria extended an invitation to Sioux City NAACP president Ike Rayford and other members of this local chapter to attend our Board and/or general meeting tonight.
   2. Bob L. – No report regarding investigation of $100 Blackbaud Giving Fund grant
2. Approval of minutes:
   1. 7 Jan 2021
      1. No additions or corrections noted
      2. Motion and second to approve the minutes
      3. Approved by unanimous vote
   2. 4 Feb 2021
      1. No additions or corrections noted
      2. Motion and second to approve the minutes
      3. Approved by unanimous vote
3. Secretary’s report - Randy W,
   1. One back up is needed for our website
      1. Rex R.- Accepted to help Randy W.
      2. Randy will contact Rex regarding training
      3. Randy is scheduled for second COVID vaccination in mid-March and will make arrangements following second vaccination.
   2. LHAS / Bird Banders in Latin America
      1. Message from the website contact page
      2. Invitation for short Zoom presentation
         1. Collaboration of Upper Midwest conservation organizations
         2. With under-sourced Latin American conservationists
      3. Three Minneapolis-area Audubon chapters are involved
      4. Collaboration could be
         1. Research on shared species
         2. Providing bird banding supplies
         3. Birding and ecotourism visits to project sites
      5. Contact is Lauren Helton, Institute for Bird Populations staff biologist
      6. Would like to hear more but will table the partnership program to next season.
   3. Contact information for PO Box 5133 is updated at the main Post Office to Randy W. and Jeri W. as official “keepers of the keys”. Information can be further updated if there are future changes.
4. Treasurer’s Report - Jeri W.
   1. Jeri re-submitted the Biennial Filing for 2021 to the State of Iowa to maintain our nonprofit status.
   2. Credits –
      1. $100.00 Blackbaud Giving Fund grant
      2. $175.00 for memberships
   3. Payments -
      1. $4.95 to PayPal for the Tripod website
      2. $154.08 as reimbursement to Randy W. for annual fee for the SquareSpace website
   4. Balance - $12,176.74
5. Outing Coordinator - Bill H.
   1. GBBC report
      1. Greater than expected due to Paul R.’s contributions from Arizona
      2. Lists have been submitted
      3. Report is available on both websites
      4. It is difficult for 1 individual to report for multiple individuals to eBird (data repository and analysis for the GBBC).
      5. Try to set up your individual eBird accounts. This will help for an upcoming program.
   2. What should we do for the March outing?
      1. Waterfowl field trip to Yankton?
         1. We would not gather at someone’s home for lunch due to continuing COVID restrictions.
         2. Still require individual travel which could be a large(-er) group of vehicles traveling a greater distance.
         3. Good waterfowl and better chances for itinerant gulls.
      2. Waterfowl field trip locally?
         1. Lunch could still be done locally but not at someone’s home.
         2. Still could have a larger(-er) group of vehicles but we would not be traveling as far.
         3. Good waterfowl and other birds.
      3. Let’s keep this local for the time being. Information will be made available shortly.
   3. Thank you to everyone who has participated.
6. Directors reports
   1. Jerry V. – Bird of the Month photo and article submitted.
   2. Donna P. – Membership report received from National Audubon
   3. Anne S. –
      1. Do we need to continue publishing a newsletter?
      2. We have a very few members without internet/email access
      3. Possibly 11 printed copies might be needed
      4. This would save printing and postage costs
      5. By-Laws
         1. State that a newsletter is published
         2. Nothing is stated regarding how often
         3. We could revise the by-laws
         4. We could restrict publication to annual or biannual (summer and winter)
      6. We could print just a few copies based on website information
      7. Something could be put together if a display is required.
      8. Randy will try printing directly from a webpage.
   4. Jody M. – Facebook page is updated. Keep sending reports and photos!
   5. Dotty Z. –
      1. Programs remain set
      2. Still waiting for opening of DPNC for live programs or continuing with Zoom virtual meetings.
      3. Nominating Committee report (Dotty Z., Bob L., Bill H.)
         1. No volunteers for the two opens positions, Secretary and Director
         2. Several suggestions were provided
7. Other reports
   1. Dawn S.
      1. Will record tonight’s program with Graham’s permission
      2. Interest from other Iowa conservation groups
   2. Jan N. – No report
   3. Jeanne B. – No report
8. New Business – None presented.
9. Old Business
   1. NEED a volunteer for Birdathon! coordinator
   2. A purchase of a financial program? Sharon P. has one available
   3. New home for LHAS display? No volunteers at this time.

Adjourn - at 6:46PM, following motion and second.

**LHAS General Zoom Meeting**

**Thursday, 4 March 2021**

1. Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Dawn Snyder
2. Announcements
3. Welcome to Graham McGaffin.
   1. This program will be recorded
   2. Please mute your microphones and questions will be taken after the presentation
4. The Zoom meeting was terminated after Graham’s Zoom presentation was disrupted by Zoom bombers.

Attendance: 29 viewers for the Zoom presentation.

**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