LOESS HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY

Zoom Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 3 DECEMBER 2020

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

Executive Absent: Jody M.

Honored Guests: Bill H., David H., Jan N., Dawn S., Jeanne B., Rex R.

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:19 PM by Maria Rudquist
   1. Thank you for your Service:
   2. Past President.- David Hoferer
   3. Past Vice-President.- Paul Roisen
   4. Retired Director.- Rex Rundquist
2. WELCOME to new board people, directors, and volunteers
   1. Vice-President
      1. Bob Livermore has agreed to serve
      2. Motion to accept Bob’s offer and become Vice-President and second
      3. Unanimous vote to approve
      4. Welcome, Bob, and thank you!
   2. Appointment to work with Dotty
      1. Jeanne Bockholt.- Hospitality Chair
      2. Jan Null will assist when and where necessary
      3. Dotty will be in contact.
   3. Welcome to new Director Jody Moats even though she is involved with Christmas Lights at the Homestead tonight.
3. ZOOM account?
   1. Thank you to David H. for arranging tonight’s meeting and prior meetings.
   2. No date has been set for in-person meetings at DPNC
   3. Should LHAs obtain a one-year membership - $149 for up to 100 people for an unlimited time?
   4. Per Dawn S., DPNC just obtained an account and LHAS would be welcome to use that account.
      1. Have to be sure someone with the account would be available for the virtual meeting date and time.
      2. Just need access to a PC and the account, it does not require someone to be at DPNC for the meeting.
   5. We may be able to provide virtual LHAS general meetings as well at board meetings.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES .- Secretary.- Randy Williams
   1. One correction was noted from the 6/25/20 Chapter Planning meeting. A corrected minutes from that meeting was sent for review. No other corrections noted.
   2. Minutes stand approved as corrected – motion from Anne S. and second from Maria R.
   3. SquareSpace website update
      1. We are live with [www.loesshillsaudubonsociety.org](http://www.loesshillsaudubonsociety.org)
      2. Have a look and tell me what needs to be improved.
      3. Need to have a few more conservation-related items
      4. Thank you for your contributions so far!
      5. Still need to add some things and there is always room for improvement!
      6. Suggested an idea to have a “Best of 2020” page
         1. Images of the good things that took place this year.
         2. Will send email announcing the call for images
         3. Will set up the page in early 2021
5. TREASURERS REPORT- Jeri Watkins.
   1. Balance of $11,590.23
   2. Credits from membership, donation and NAS payment
   3. PayPal debit for the Tripod website
      1. Do we need to maintain this?
      2. Randy stated we can go with the SquareSpace site
      3. Decision should be made by the board
      4. Look at both sites and tell Randy what needs to be moved from the tripod site to the SquareSpace site.
      5. Randy will contact Samuel regarding insight on inactivation of the tripod site (automatic routing to the SquareSpace site).
   4. Paul R. knows the most about our PayPal account.
      1. Could someone work with Paul to find out how to handle this account?
      2. We need to have a back up trained in how to work with this.
   5. We have an upcoming debt for the post office box
      1. Do we need to keep this?
      2. Rent has increased to $90 per year
      3. It was felt we should retain the PO box for at least another year.
   6. Randy reminded the board that SquareSpace payment is due at the end of January (approximately $220).
6. Outings and Christmans Bird Count – Bill H.
   1. Things are different this year
   2. Covid safety restrictions
      1. No gathering before the start of the count
      2. No group lunch – bring your own to have in the field
      3. No group compilation meeting
      4. Let the count organizers know IN ADVANCE to pre-arrange teams and territories
   3. Counts – information available at: <https://www.loesshillsaudubonsociety.org/calendar>
      1. Wednesday, 16 December
         1. Westfield, IA
         2. Bill and Dotty Zales, compilers
         3. Notify by Friday, 11 December
      2. Friday, 18 December
         1. Ponca State Park
         2. Bill Huser/Jerry Probst, compilers/organizers
         3. Notify by Monday, 14 December
      3. Saturday, 19 December
         1. Loess Hills Audubon Society
         2. Jerry Probst, compiler
         3. Notify by Monday, 14 December
      4. Sunday, 20 December
         1. Yankton area
         2. Roger Dietrich, compiler
         3. Notify by Wednesday, 16 December
      5. Saturday, 2 January 2021
         1. Ida County
         2. Don Poggensee, compiler
         3. Notify by Sunday, 27 December
7. DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS:
   1. Director 1.- Jerry VonEhwegen (chapter memory)
      1. Will maintain outing reports
      2. Will maintain Bird of the Month
   2. Director 2.- Donna Popp (membership)
      1. Chapter-only memberships come due in January
      2. Will put out a MailChimp announcement reminding everyone of that
      3. Will use the LHAS PO Box – and we have to be better about checking the mailbox
   3. Director 3.- Anne Shaner – no in-person meetings so no newsletter for the near future.
   4. Director 4.- Jody Moats – Busy at Adams Christmas lights tonight, no report.
   5. Director 5.- Dotty Zales (Program Coordinator)
      1. Building Better Birder workshop coordinated by Dawn S. (see additional .pdf)
         1. This is intended as a package of in-person presentations and outdoor identifications.
         2. No indoor, in-person meeting at this time
         3. Might be able to arrange for a different month?
         4. Depends on future Covid restrictions.
      2. January Zoom meeting?
         1. We could use the DPNC Zoom account and arrange a virtual meeting.
         2. There was further discussion about meeting preferences, in-person versus virtual
         3. No forseeable date for use of DPNC
         4. A compromise was proposed since this is new
            1. We will try a board meeting in January
            2. Randy will have a short PowerPoint presentation for after the board meeting to provide a demonstration and get some practice
            3. Randy will present a longer PowerPoint program as a Zoom virtual meeting in February.
            4. The February presentation will be open to the general membership provided the January test works.
            5. We can then try other virtual general meetings
      3. Dotty will contact Jeanne B. and Jan N. for assistance – thank you for helping Dotty!
8. Old Business.- nothing was brought forward at this time
9. New Business
   1. Building Better Birder outings coordinated by Dawn S.
      1. No indoor, in-person meeting but we could still arrange an outing.
      2. Could arrange an outing for February – let Dawn know of a good date.
      3. February is a traditional slow birding month
      4. Open for suggestions on where to go for a February (or other month) outing
      5. Might be able to arrange for a different month
   2. Recent bird sightings were discussed
10. Adjourn – at 7:35 PM
    1. Motion from Bob L.
    2. Second by Randy W.
    3. Motion passed.
    4. EVERYONE STAY WELL!

**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

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