Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting  
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center  
5 September 2019

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Members present: David H., by conference call, Paul R., Randy W., Jeri W., Jerry V., Donna P., Anne S., Rex R., Dotty Z.

Absent:

Honored Guests: Maria R., Jan N., Bob N., Phyllis N., Dawn S., Anna R., Chuck J., Kathy K., Bill Z., Bill H., John P., Sharon P.

I. Call to Order at 5:25 PM by David H. via conference call
   A. Get committees together
   B. General members can express your preference(-es) for committee(s)
   C. What can your committee accomplish?
   D. Call with any questions

II. Minutes from May meeting were approved.

III. Secretary’s Report – Randy W.
   A. Question was brought up regarding who should receive minutes from the Board Meeting.
      1. Should all committee members receive a copy of the minutes or just the chair of the committee?
      2. Minutes will be sent to board members and committee chairs at this time; not all committees are fully staffed.
   B. The list of committee chairs was reviewed
      1. Donna Popp - Membership
      2. Dotty Zales – Chapter Activities
      3. Rex Rundquist – Conservation
      4. Anne Shaner – Communications
      5. Chapter Projects – **open at this time.** Need someone to chair the Projects committee and serve as the organizing force for this committee.

IV. Vice-President – report sent by e-mail late on 5 Sep and verbal report by Paul R.
   A. Documents to be signed for Constitution and By-Laws
   B. Programs for 2019-20
      1. We still need programs for: January, February and May 2020! Provide some ideas, please!
      2. **5 Sep 2019**
         a) 5:15 Board Meeting
         b) 6:15 Potluck
         c) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Kathy Koskovich
      3. **3 Oct 2019**
         a) 6:15 Board Meeting
         b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Terry Sohl
4. 7 Nov 2019
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker: Bruce Ehresman
5. 5 Dec 2019
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Christmas Program food and Photo Sharing
   c) We may need to enforce a "5-minute rule" for the member slide show
   d) Or, we need to have another way of organizing the member presentations
6. 9 Jan 2020
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker ??
7. 6 Feb 2020
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker ??
8. 5 Mar 2020
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker(s): Dave Hoferer and Dotty Zales
9. 2 Apr 2020
   a) 6:15 Board Meeting
   b) Meeting 7:30 Speaker(s): Warren and Diane Marton
10. 7 May 2020
    a) 6:15 Board Meeting
    b) Meeting 7:30 Annual Membership Meeting Speaker ??

C. Membership
1. Maybe the most important area we need to fix immediately??
2. Our official membership is way down amongst our board members, committee members, and long-time dedicated LHAS persons
3. National Audubon
   a) Not much progress with getting things fixed.
   b) This may be worse since there is a new way for us to enter memberships
   c) This makes us more responsible but it also makes us more busy.
   d) No improvement on the current reporting system from National; still many, many errors.

V. Treasurer – Jeri W.
A. Plan to have a budget meeting
B. May 2019 – Aug 2019
   1. Debits - $647.46
   2. Credits - $1973.05
   3. Balance as of 31Aug 19 - $6588.68
C. We received monies from NAS this season!
VI. Membership Committee – Donna P. and Paul R.
   A. See Vice-President's report, above.
   B. NAS is perceived as not helping at the chapter level
   C. Trying to have NAS provide telephone numbers and e-mail for new LHAS members that register through NAS
   D. Chapter-only membership is in progress. Two are currently as Chapter-only status
   E. Chapter only membership is identical as NAS, however all the monies remain with LHAS
   F. If you choose to join NAS, then you are ALSO a member of LHAS!

VII. Chapter Activities Committee – Dotty Z., no specific report but see Vice-President report above for upcoming programs.

VIII. Communications Committee – Anne S.
   A. Newsletter is out
      1. Let Anne S. or Donna P. know if there are issues in seeing it electronically or downloading
      2. We can send a specific .pdf of the newsletter if someone having difficulties
   B. Good job to Donna and Anne for getting things out via MailChimp

IX. Conservation Committee – Rex R.
   A. Still looking for members willing to work
   B. Keep board and public apprised of areas of concern as well as areas of success.

X. Projects Committee
   A. Need to find someone to chair this committee
   B. Projects works with other committees to organize something we can focus on this year
   C. Chair needs to organize while others need to set up the projects

XI. Old Business
   A. Bird food - have only looked at Fleet Farm prices – no orders at this time
   B. Is this working for LHAS?
      1. This is quite a bit of work for questionable reward anymore
      2. Is there an alternate?
      3. Could we simply ask for donations to:
         a) Provide bird food to nursing homes?
         b) Another location?

XII. New Business
   A. Discussions with those interested in serving on our committees
      1. Eventually we may wish to have committee meetings alternating every other month with board of director meetings
      2. What do we need to cover this year as a chapter?
         a) Chairs to reach out to members/potential members for their involvement.
         b) Ideas for 1-3 tasks reasonable to accomplish this year per committee
3. Membership - Donna needs 3 members to help out
4. Activities – Dotty, Jerry, Jan, Carol B., and ...
   a) To help plan the programs and outings and provide amenities for the activity
   b) The food tonight should be part of this, as an example
5. Communications – Anne S.
   a) Donna P. – MailChimp mass communication
   b) Randy W. – secretary
   c) Dawn S. – publicity
   d) Jody M. – Facebook
   e) Bill H. – bird hotline
   f) Jerry V. – website
   g) Guidelines as to when the next item is coming out – set a basic schedule
6. Conservation – Rex R.
   a) Will look for info from past reports as a guide for the upcoming season.
   b) Iowa Audubon
      (1) Donor for monies for Mississippi River work
      (2) Report from the group for support of a carbon tax
      (3) Iowa Audubon may be losing their meeting/office location. The group could possibly disband if a new location cannot be found.
XIII. Adjourn at 6:10 PM for food – thank you to all of our contributors tonight.

POTLUCK
6:15-7:30 pm

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

I. Call to order at 7:26 PM
II. Announcements
   A. Paul R. in for David H.
      1. Welcome
      2. Request for committee members
      3. Issues with e-mail newsletter?
      4. Chapter-only membership available
      5. October program teaser with Terry Sohl
      6. Thank you for the great food!
   B. Bird report from general membership
   C. Leesa M. - Prairie Heritage Week at O’Brien prairie for monarch butterfly tagging. Please pre-register
   D. Field Trips – Jerry V
   E. Brian H. – Spirit Mound and Briar Cliff
1. Spirit Mound Trust meeting this weekend with walks and other activities
2. Little Reading on the Prairie at Sioux City Prairie about 6:45 on Northeast corner, off of Briar Cliff University on Tues, 9/10
3. Galapagos trip upcoming with Brian H.
   F. Dawn S. – Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
      1. Monarch tagging upcoming at Sioux City Prairie
      2. Nature Calls is upcoming.
   G. Siouxland Rock and Gem show upcoming
III. Intro of speaker - Katherine Koskovich - “Geoglyphs in Correctionville, IA”.

Adjourn - 8:20 PM

36 attendees