Loess Hills Audubon Society Meeting
Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
5 March 2020

Chapter Executives Present: Dotty Z., Randy W., Donna P., Anne S., Jeri W., David H.,
Chapter Executives Absent: Rex R., Jerry V., Paul R.,
Honored Guests: Bill Z., Chuck J., Jody M., Bill H., John and Sharon P., Gary H., Gracie W., Clarissa

BOARD MEETING AGENDA
6:15 pm
I. Call to Order at 6:24 PM
II. Approve minutes from February meeting
   A. No additions or corrections noted
   B. Moved and second to approve the February minutes
III. Secretary’s Report – Randy W.
   A. Waterford Press promotions
   B. Letter, catalogue and price list from the company
      1. Large number of publications available
      2. All are nature-themed, not necessarily birds
   C. We can purchase from the company and resell
   D. One option is that some publications can be custom printed with our
      chapter’s name and then resold
   E. Could this be a joint venture with DPNC? Adams Homestead? Plymouth County?
IV. President’s Report – David H.
   A. Rex is recovering following a second surgery
   B. From Dianne Blankenship - Dave Swanson, USD, will lead a bird walk at
      Spirit Mound at 7:00 AM on Saturday, 2 May
   C. Loess Hills Wild Ones at 10:00 AM on 5/2
   D. Per Rob Schultz, Audubon Upper Mississippi River office, a
      straightforward, simple fundraising letter appears to be cost effective. It
      has worked well for other chapters.
      1. Coordinate a paper, mailed request along with an e-mail request
      2. Mailing cost it about $200 to send our newsletter by regular mail
   E. Birds and Brew fund raising idea was suggested
      1. Would a liquor license be required?
      2. How does DPNC handle that for Nature Calls?
3. Would we be in competition with Nature Calls?
4. This could be home brewed wine and/or beer with profits going to LHAS

V. Vice-President’s Report – No report for Paul R.

VI. Treasurer – Jeri W.
   A. Meeting times change to 6PM (board) and 7PM (general) next season?
      1. May be difficult for working individuals
      2. Tabled to later.
   B. Credit - National funds received – $822.25
      1. Funds from NAS received
      2. Donation from Polifka and Vandemeer families
   C. Debit – $598.95
   D. Balance – $6394.56

VII. Membership Committee – Donna P., no report

VIII. Chapter Activities Committee – Dotty Z.
   A. Could someone present a program or programs on:
      1. eBird smartphone application
      2. “iNaturalist” smartphone application and website program
      3. A similar program for youth, known as “Seek”
   B. Looking for program suggestions for next season for LHAS.
      1. Have a look at programs available from 4-H Extension?
      2. Iowa State extension?
      3. Will ask general membership for ideas as well
   C. Could we obtain a listing of home-schooled children to provide an educational field trip or other programs?

IX. Communications Committee – Randy W.
   A. Three options were presented regarding the new website process – see additional Word document, attached
   B. Discussion regarding the 3 options followed
   C. Board wants to know:
      1. If Option 2 would be selected, what would it take to move to option 3 in the future?
      2. We would go live with a public website (Option 2) and then later move to an integrated public AND private site (Option 3).
      3. Samuel will be contacted regarding this question.
   D. Tabled to the April meeting.

X. Conservation Committee – Bill Z.
   A. Iowa land and conservation act is not as it is intended
   B. This act should not be supported.
XI. Projects Committee – tabled to April
XII. Old Business
XIII. New Business
XIV. Tabled Business
XV. Adjourn at 7:22 PM

GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
7:30 pm
I. 7:32 PM call to order
II. Announcements
   A. Upcoming outings
      1. March – Marsh Madness March 21 at Ponca about 8:00 AM Singing Hills Walmart
      2. April outing 11 to Gavins point dam with Chuck and Donna
   B. Nominating committee Bill H. or Randy W.
   C. Program ideas for next season? Contact Dotty Zales or any board member.
   D. Ed Sibley and original prairie
      1. Original prairie at the water treatment plant
      2. Meeting for citizen input regarding burning the prairie
      3. People with prairie burn experience are asked to attend to provide input regarding the management process of the burn.
      4. Meeting at 11:30 AM in the second floor meeting room of the Longlines Recreational Center on Wednesday, 11 March.
      5. Contact Ed Sibley at caboose1942@cableone.net for more information.
III. Recent sightings?
IV. Intro of speakers - Dotty Zales & David Hoferer, “Feather Your Garden with Natives” – Dotty

Attendees: 30

LHAS Chapter Executives

President        David Hoferer        Director 1    Jerry VonEhwegen
Vice President   Paul Roisen         Director 2    Donna Popp
Secretary        Randy Williams      Director 3    Anne Shaner
Treasurer  Jeri Watkins  Director 4  Rex Rundquist  
Director 5  Dotty Zales