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**Nebraska Ornithologists' Union
Board Meeting
Friday September 13, 2019
Imperial, NE**

Present: Joel Jorgensen, Robin Harding, Ruth Stearns, Jan Johnson, Janis Paseka, Bill Flack, Don Paseka, Dan Leger, Mark Brogie, Anita Breckbill.

President Joel Jorgensen called the meeting to order:

1. Meeting minutes: Spring Board Meeting approved reviewed and okayed.
2. Imperial Meeting: There were no last-minute issues to cover related to the fall meeting.
3. Fall 2020 Meeting location:
 - a. An original idea to hold the meeting at Platte River State Park was looked into by Joel, and he determined it did not seem to be a good fit for our group.
 - b. Using the new Schramm facility could be a good option however the space available would be for 50 people which may not be enough for seating and staging meals. Joel will check with Amber Schiltz at Schramm about space and nearby catering options.
 - c. Ruth indicated the closest motel option, other than Lincoln or Omaha motels, would be a Super 8 at Gretna.
 - d. Football game out of state, so traffic not a problem.
 - e. Proposed dates would be Oct 24 and 25, 2020.
4. Spring 2020 Meeting (at Gering, NE, May 22-24, 2020. (Memorial Day weekend)
 - a. Motel at Monument Inn has 30 rooms booked. No other hotel is holding rooms, but the Cobblestone Motel is next door.
 - b. Spring speaker has been set (Saturday speaker)
5. Bylaws Change regarding the Nominating Committee. Draft language was proposed by Joel, that would allow one Board member to serve on the committee (delete **who are not member of the Board of Directors, and**) (add **No more than one committee member shall also be a member of the Board of Directors.**)
 - a. Dan recommended changing "who have been active participants" to "who have been members".
 - b. Process to amend the bylaws requires Joel to send proposed change to Secretary, and to email to membership 30 days in advance of the Spring Meeting. The proposed change would then be voted on at the Spring Meeting.

6. The Board continued to discuss the Speaker acquisition and compensation policy. General consensus was to develop a standard minimum compensation for all speakers (which generally are declined by members asked to speak), and that the organization would in general seek to bring in a topnotch type speaker every few years. Robin would check to see what we ultimately had agreed on for the Spring 2020 speaker (who was originally asked to come for the fall 2019 meeting) and we'd go from there.
7. Online payment for meetings and membership:
 - a. Jan brought this issue to the meeting. Use of PayPal was discussed.
 - b. Ultimately Jan made a motion to use Pay Pal for membership and meetings, which was seconded and approved. She will take the lead in communicating with Ann Johnson (web developer) to get this accomplished. Using PayPal would not be required, folks could still mail in checks.

There being no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectively submitted,
Ruth Stearns
Secretary