

August 10, 1953

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
Program 1953 - 1954
Conservation Committee.

Chairman: Richard E. Erway (Briarcliff 6-3781)
Members: Mrs. Johathan Coggeshall
Miss Catherine Gaudette
Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Day
Mr. Ralph Perkin
Mr. Hooh Reid

The following tentative program for the Conservation Committee (and programs for other standing committees) will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors (to which the chairman of all standing committees are invited) to be held September 3, 1953

1. Legislation: Keeping the members of the Society informed of legislation affecting conservation and, as occasion requires, recommending action are perhaps two of the most important. Functions. The Committee can keep itself informed through bulletins of the National Audubon Society, the Wildlife Management Institute and through communications from the Federation of New York States Bird Clubs of which our society is a member. It may be desirable to circulate such bulletins to committee members for their information. The Federation has a legislation representative at Albany, who keeps member clubs informed of legislation pertaining to consideration. This Committee should also from time to time supply the Publicity Committee (Lew Bowen, Chairman) with articles on conservation topics for insertion in the Society's bulletin.
2. Nature Trails: It is being suggested to the Field Trip Committee that it undertake a survey this winter of suitable areas in our territory where marked nature trails might be laid out with the hope that permission to establish and maintain at least one such trail can be obtained, so that work thereon can be commenced next spring. The Conservation Committee might well work with the Field Trip Committee on that project.
3. Plants and Wildlife on the Protected List in New York: The Committee could render a service by preparing an article for the Publicity Committee for insertion in the Society's bulletin on what birds, plants, and common mammals are protected under the New York Conservation law, and what steps should be taken in the event of violations.
4. Stimulation of Interest in Conservation: It is recommended that the Committee give thought to working out one or more projects to this end. For example in some branches a competition has been sponsored in Boy and Girl Scout troops in building bird houses, with prizes awarded by the Society. An important point is that to win a prize the house must not only be built, it must be erected in a suitable location, and the latter is taken into consideration in awarding prizes. I cite this as only one example. The Committee can doubtless think of other projects equally good.

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Chairman: Mrs. D. J. Overocker (Chappaqua 1-0841)
Members: Miss Bernice Dykeman
Mrs. H. Townsend Laire
Mrs. Jennie S. Plate
Vacancy to be filled.

The following tentative program for the Education Committee (and programs for other standing committees) will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors (to which the chairman of all standing committees are invited) to be held September 3, 1953.

1. Promotion of Audubon Junior Clubs: Status of this program in Chappaqua is excellent. Much needs to be done in Pleasantville, particularly in attempting to get the program into public schools. The rest of our branch territory, i.e. Briarcliff, Hawthorne, North Tarrytown, Ossining, Thornwood and Valhalla, presents a challenge since there never have been any Audubon Junior Clubs in those areas.
Therefore: (a) Promote clubs in those areas.
(b) The Millbank Home for boys in Chappaqua would welcome help from use in carrying on a Junior Club program for these convalescent boys. I hope we can do something about that.
(c) Establish closer relationships with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, i.e. offer the assistance of our members as occasional leaders in the nature study and conservation phases of the Scouting program, examinations for merit badges in these fields etc. I suggest a letter volunteering this type of cooperation be promptly sent to each of the Boy and Girl Scout Councils in our area.
2. Promotion of Adult Education in Conservation and Nature Study:
(a) Mrs. Laire's class at Pleasantville High School.
(b) Develop other plans.
3. Scholarships to Audubon Camps in Connecticut and Maine: Let us aim next summer at least three scholarships (amount involved about \$360.00) to teachers in schools in our territory to one of these camps, This can have a tremendous future impact on promotion of the Junior Club program in the schools from which such teachers come.
(a) Plan now a special program where admission will be charged and proceeds go to our Scholarship Fund.
(b) Consider announcing the Scholarship program at an early meeting of members and invite voluntary contributions earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.
4. Audubon Screen Tours: Plans involving cooperation with other groups interested in conservation to bring the Screen Tours to our area in 1954 and 1955 should be initiated promptly since a definite decision will have to be made by Feb. 1, 1954. Possibly the Bedford Society may cooperate on this project.

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SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
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Field Trip Committee.

Chairman: Mrs. Leon D. Nettleton (Pleasantville 2-1668R)
Members: Mr. And Mrs. Edgerton I. Aikman
Mrs. Gertrude Gilmour
Mrs. Nelson L. Terhune

Advisor: E. B. Schofield

The following tentative program for the Field Trip Committee (and programs for other standing committees) will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors (to which the chairman of all standing committees are invited) to be held September 3, 1953.

1. Field Trips: Continue the excellent program of field trips for members inaugurated during the summer months. Details to be left to the Committee.
2. Records: Keep a permanent record of birds observed on all field trips and announce to members that additional observations should be reported to the committee. Within the discretion of the chairman report important observations (a) at Society meetings (b) to the Chairman of the Publicity Committee for the Society's Bulletin (to be issued from time to time) and (c) to Audubon Field Notes and to The Kingbird, The publication of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs.

These records might eventually become the basis of a booklet on "Birds of Westchester County". (Cf: "Birds of Rockland County. New York" prepared by the Rockland County Audubon Society, which I will be glad to loan). Eventually a sub-committee on Records may be desirable.

3. Bird of the Month: Take five minutes at monthly meetings to report on the outstanding bird to look for. This project could be made valuable to those of our members who are beginning birders.
4. Migration Studies: Cooperation of our society in two studies currently in progress would be welcomed. One is the study of Spring Arrival Dates ("The Kingbird", Apr. 1953, p. 7 - obtain copy from Lew Bowen). The other is the "Nocturnal Migration study by Means of the Moon" conducted by Louisiana State University. I have complete information on the latter. This Fall some of our members might enjoy cooperation in that study.
5. Nature Trails: A project which would accomplish much locally for the conservation cause and which would represent a valuable contribution to the communities we serve would be the establishment of our or more mature trails in suitable areas. (See Roger T. Peterson's pamphlet: "Natures Trails" which I will be glad to make available). The first step, which I hope the committee will inaugurate at once, is a survey of suitable areas for such trails in our area. The newest step is to obtain authorization from public authority or private owner to lay out such a trail with suitable markers. The survey should be a winter project and work on the first trail undertaken in spring of 1954.

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SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
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Membership Committee.

Chairman: David R. Keegan (Pleasantville 2-1533)
Members: Lewis H. Bowen
Miss. Velma I. Cypher
Mrs. Paul S. Marsland
Mrs. Robert A. Reaser

The following tentative program for the Membership Committee (and programs for other standing committees) will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors (to which the chairman of all standing committees are invited) to be held September 3, 1953.

1. New Members: It is most important that a definite program be started early in the Fall to expand our membership, which is now about eighty, for two reasons: (1) to expand our influence for the Audubon cause and (2) to insure a steady income for the purposes of our Society. As to the latter point, until we at least double our membership we are going to face difficulties in financing even a minimum program.

As to the first point, our present membership comes primarily from Chappaqua and Pleasantville. We should make definite plans now to increase our membership in the other parts of our territory, i.e. Briarcliff, Hawthorne, North Tarrytown, Ossining, Thornwood and Valhalla. The National Society will mail invitations to join, when lists of prospects are supplied. As a first project it is suggested that this committee compile, as soon as possible, a list of prospective members in the parts of our territory above mentioned. We are fortunate to have Miss Cypher of Ossining and Mrs. Reaser of Briarcliff on this committee and they can be of great assistance in that project.

2. Student Memberships: Promotion of student memberships (dues \$2.00) in the public and parochial schools in our territory should be undertaken. In cooperation with our Publicity Committee, posters might be prepared for display in schools. A letter suggesting that one of the members be permitted to make a 5 minute announcement about the subject at a school assembly. The Audubon Photographic Tour, which we are bringing to our territory in September, will be used to promote interest.
3. Sustaining, Active, Supporting, Contributing and Life Membership: We should not overlook opportunities to acquire our present regular members, and prospects, with types of joint membership in the National Society and Our Society, other than regular memberships, as follows:

Sustaining (individual)	\$10.00	Active	\$25.00
Sustaining (husband and wife)	\$18.00	Supporting	\$50.00
		Contributing	\$100.00

(all the above are annual dues)
Life membership: \$200.00

We should be alert to point out that all of the dues are used to promote the great purposes of the National Audubon Society and our branch. ALL dues are of course deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes.

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SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
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Publicity Committee.

Chairman: Lewis H. Bowen (Chappaqua 1-0696 J)
Members: Mrs. Theodore Lang
Mrs. Rose S. Moore
Mrs. John A. Zwiefel

The following tentative program for the Publicity Committee (and programs for other standing committees) will be discussed at the meeting of the Board of Directors (to which the chairman of all standing committees are invited) to be held September 3, 1953.

1. News Releases: Continue the excellent releases which have assured publicity of all important Society activities in the newspapers in our territory. Possibly expand this to include occasional "features" articles, e.g. Bedford Society's releases on crossbills at Mrs. Hatsumoto's last winter etc. Use pictures of speakers, newsworthy photographs of wildlife etc.
2. Society Bulletins: Inaugurate a bulletin, which in the beginning will have to be mimeographed. Since I know that the Committee's plans on this project are progressing, it need not be further discussed here. We should not forget that the National Society Library wishes to receive copies of all branch bulletins.
3. Advertisement of Meetings: Suggested: (1) Posters to be displayed in stores, schools etc. inviting the public. (We have a stamp lettering set that may be used). (2) Announcements of our meetings by some of our members in school assemblies or through the school bulletin. (3) Radio announcement over White Plains radio station - Genung's "Bulletin Board". Inquiry should be made regarding this service for which I understand there is no charge. A one-half minute announcements will be made if copy is supplied two weeks in advance.
4. Radio Program: Consideration might be given to trying out a radio program sponsored by the Society (1/4 hour). This probably is too ambition an undertaking at present t=but though might be given to it for future development.