

The Saw Mill River Audubon Society,
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sept.3,1953.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws on Thursday evening, September 3, 1953 at 8:30 P.M. at the home of the President, 96 Sarles Lane, Pleasantville N.Y.

There were present: Mrs.H.Townsend Laire, Mrs. D.J. Overocker, Mrs. Leon Nettleton, Mr. Hoch Reid, Mr. Richard Erway, Mr. Lewis Bowen, Mr. Joseph Malone, Mr. William Fennell, **Mr. C.** Richard Parsons. (Mrs. Kettleton and Mr. Bowen, although not directors were present at the request of the President as Chairmen **of the** "Field Trip and Publicity Committees respectively).

There were absent: Mr. Thomas Appel, Mr. William McCain, Mr. Irving Lachenbruch, Mrs. Rose Moore and Mr. David Keegan - the **last** not a director but Chairman of the Membership Committee.

The President opened the meeting by explaining that **it** was intended to discuss primarily the arrangements that had been made for the forthcoming **Society** display **at the Pleasantville Womens'** Club Flower Show, the Audubon Screen Tour at Chappaqua on September 21st. and the plans of the various committees.

The first Chairman called on was Mr. Bowen of the Publicity Committee. His committee has made impressive progress already. They

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have held a committee meeting and parceled out their duties among themselves. They are already at work on the first issue of the Society bulletin, which will be mailed to all members and the first issue of which will be ready for distribution our exhibit at the Flower Show. The first bulletin will have alphabetical list of members and a calendar of coming events. Future issues will feature articles by members on nature and conservation subjects and advertisements have already been sold to two Chappaqua firms to help defray production and mailing costs. The masthead of the bulletin will be a facsimile of Society^ letterhead as designed by Mr. C. V. Burger.

Mr. Fennell next introduced the subject of the Screen Tour to be held at Chappaqua, September 21st, Most of the arrangements had previously been made but after discussion it was decided not to sell tickets in stores but to limit the sale members and friends and to fill requests produced by newspaper publicity and the special mailing of 500 postal cards to a of prospects* A dinner will be held prior to the Tour at the Gate in Pleasantville. Officers and directors (and their wives and husbands) are asked to attend, if it is possible for them to The lecturers of the evening, Mssrs. Hermes and Short, will be guests of the Society at the dinner. Mr. Schofield, who will be the projector at the Tour, and Mrs. Overocker will meet the lecturers at Chappaqua at 5:30 to check over the equipment and make sure everything is in readiness, so that no delay will occur in the program.

Mr. Fennell announced with regret that Mr. Erway, Chairman of the Conservation Committee was moving in the near future to Scarsdale and would "be forced to resign his position, Mr. Erway reported that he was considering the possibility of suggesting a successor from among his committee members but had no definite suggestion at the moment. In line with the memorandum given to his committee by the President he felt that the Society might well further its aims in conservation by working with local Scout troops and committees. He also favored a study of the feasibility of a Mature Trail which had been suggested as a joint project of the Conservation and Yield Trip Committees.

For the Education Committee Mrs. Overocker announced plans for widening the scope of the Junior Audubon Club work now being done in Chappaqua and Pleasantville. The Committee is considering a letter to all schools in our area outlining the value of the Junior groups and offering to have a Committee member address the faculty in an effort to enlist their active support, A workshop after school hours to instruct the teachers who will head up the Junior groups is also being considered. As an important talking point, Mrs. Overocker pointed out that science requirements in school can often be covered as part of the Junior Audubon plan. The promotion of adult education in nature fields is being handled by Mrs. Laire through her class at the Pleasantville High School. The Chappaqua Garden Club is considering the awarding of two scholarships to the Audubon Camps - one to a Club member and one to a teacher and it was suggested that after the Flower

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Show **we** approach the Pleasantville and Ossining Clubs with the same idea.

Mrs. Hettleton, Chairman of the Field Trip Committee, had just returned from vacation and had not had an opportunity to hold a meeting of her committee. In her absence Mrs. Laire arranged for a September "Field Trip to "be held at the Edith Macy Traing Center In Briarcliff from 7 to 9 **A.M.** Sunday, September 13th. under the guidance of Miss fiaudette, Director of the Center. Mrs. Nettleton made the suggestion that we invite members of other nearby Audubon Branches to visit with UB. She also felt that her committee could prepare information on protected wildflowers, "birds of the month", bird records and migration records»all of which could appear at intervals in the bulletin of the Society,

The Membership Committee Chairman being absent no discussion **of** its program was made»though Mr. Bowen suggested that the Committee might write letters to all newspapers in the area outlining the scope of our Society and its membership requirements,

Next, the Treasurer, Mr. C. Richard ^arsons made his report, which report/ is appended to these minutes, showing a Treasurer balance **of** \$58.52, Mr. Malone gave a brief digest of the minutes of the last Director^ meeting on May 12, 1953» Both reports were accepted by motion and vote of those present.

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The final action was a discussion of the prospect of the purchase "by the Town of New Castle of the Horace Greeley estate>as a future recreational area for the residents of the town* ITpon motion d^ ly made and seconded it was unanimously

RESOLVED that it is the feeling of the Board of Directors of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society that it is of vital concern to the communities in its territory to have areas of natural beauty available for the use of all the people, and that, based on to is principle, the Board suggests that the Town board of the Town of New Castle give serious consideration to the proposal before it is to purchase the Greeley-Stahl property.

There feeling no further "business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph A Malone

Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUBUBON SOCIETY REPORT OP TREASURER Sept. 3, 19^3

RECEIPTS

Checks received from National Audubon Society

4/27/53	\$45.00
5/11/53	35.50
6/8/53	27.76
7/6/53	13.50
8/4/53	6.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

4/11/53 - Pleasantville Journal

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300 postcards \$ 3.00

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4/25/53 - Wm. G. Fennel o->-

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300 Post cards @ .02 \$ 7.00

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4/30/^3 - Wm. G. Pennell

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Printing questionnaire \$5.15

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5/18/53 - Stephen Collins - lecture \$10.00

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5/18/53 - Nat'l Audubon Society

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Delegate to Nat'l Society Convention in August \$20.00

6/8/53 - Fed. Of N.Y. Birds \$7.40

6/8/53 - Nat'l Audubon Society
1 yr. subscription to Field Notes \$2.00

7/1/53 - Joseph Malone - mailing exp, \$2.69

8/4/53 - Joseph Malone - mailing exp. \$1.50

8/5/^3 - County Trust - service charge
on bank account \$0.50

8/31/533 - Wm. G. Fennel 1 - Post cards \$10.00

Total \$ 69.24

Balance 58.52