

The Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board
of Directors and Standing Committee
Chairmen*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors and Chairmen of standing committees of the Society was held in accordance with Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society on Thursday evening, February 4th, 1956 at the home of Mr. C. Richard Parsons, 12 Hardscrabble Road, Pleasantville.

Present were Messrs. Cutting, Parsons, Van deBoe, Perkin, Fennell, Bowen, McCain and Malone and Mrs. Laire, Mrs. Nettleton, Mrs. Overocker, Mrs. Moore and Miss Cypher.

The President called the meeting to order. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved with one correction*

At the suggestion of the President it was agreed to record on the minutes a vote of thanks to Director Louis Van deBoe for his film and accompanying talk at our January meeting. A committee with Mr. and Mrs. Cutting as co-chairmen and including all the members from Ossining and North Tarrytown was appointed to plan the March meeting, which will be held in Ossining. The Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$89.32.

For the Conservation Committee Mr. Fennell reported on a meeting held on January 31st. on the problem of garbage dumping and water pollution at Croton, Point. It is planned to work with the Westchester

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Planning Commission, the Board of Water Pollution and the Sew York Central Railroad, in order to find a possible solution on both the dumping and pollution problems.

Mr. Van deBoe reported that he had talked with Mayor Collyer of Ossining about the possibility of a nature program at Sing Sing prison. He will continue to explore the possibilities and report at a later meeting.

For the Education Committee Mrs. Overocker reported that Miss Miller of the National Audubon Society had suggested that the committee be given authority to select recipients of three scholarships to the Audubon camp awarded yearly by Miss Whitmore of Ossining.

Mrs. Nettleton reported that the March 7 field trip, lead by Mr. Quick, will probably be held at Kensico Lake and will stress tree identification. Miss Cypher reported that the Membership committee had exhausted its stock of tags and a motion was made, seconded and carried that an additional 100 be purchased. Mr. Bowen stated that the next issue of the Bulletin would be the anniversary issue and that his committee was also writing to publishers, asking for review copies of nature books.

The President introduced Ralph Perkin, Screen Tour manager, who described a meeting with representatives of the Bedford Audubon Society and plans for a joint Screen Tour to be held on Feb. 20th at the Mt. Kisco High School Auditorium. The film will be "Pasture of the Sea" and the speaker Carl W. Buchheister. The Bedford Society will arrange for the printing of letters and posters and also handle the finances. Several members present volunteered to held

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distribute posters and act as ticket takers and ushers.

Mrs. Laire asked for a volunteer to assist a group of Girl Scouts working for a Conservation badge. The matter was referred to Mr. McCain and the Conservation Committee,

Mr. McCain reported that he is writing to the mayor of the village of Pleasantville asking permission to lay out a nature trail around the reservoir. The question of offering assistance to the Chappaqua Garden Club in the development of their Sanctuary was discussed but decision was postponed to a later date.

The appointment of a nominating committee as provided for in Article VI of the Constitution and By-Laws was the next matter of business and the following members were selected by vote of the Directors and officers present; Mrs. Jessup, Mr. Aikman and Mr. Lachenbruch. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the President be empowered to select substitutes should any of the three chosen be unable to accept the position.

In accordance with Article V an auditing committee was also selected to report on the scope and accuracy of the Treasurer's annual report. Mr. Quick and Mr. Holl were selected by vote of the Directors and officers present and the Secretary was directed to call them and confirm their acceptance.

Mr. Perkin outlined the requirements of the National Audubon Society with regard to branch sponsorship of Screen Tours. After discussion it was voted that the Society contract for three tours during the 1954-5 season. It was also moved that the series

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"be held at the Pleasantville High School because of the size of its auditorium and also the fact that having a single location would simplify the sale of tickets to the entire series. This motion was duly seconded and carried. The dates requested were to be September (after the 13th) November and a final date somewhere between March 1, 1955 and May 15, 1955 - any or all to be on a Saturday, if necessary, and Armistice Day to be an acceptable date for the November tour.

Mr. Bowen reported that as a result of his injury at National headquarters for membership cards the National Society is designing a card to be printed for branches requesting it. He also submitted a copy of a suggested letter to members to raise funds for Audubon Camp scholarship, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. On motion the matter was tabled until the March meeting.

Brief mention was made of the possibility of action by our Society in the matter of the encroachment by outside interests on our National Parks* Because of the lateness of the hour the matter was referred to the Conservation Committee for future consideration* ' 'heir being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted»

Joseph A. Malone
Secretary

Balance 1/5/54			91.51
Income			
1/27/54	Nat. Audubon Society	20.25	
1/29/54	J. A. Malone (dues)	10.00	
		30.25	30.25
			121.76
Disbursements			
1/18/54	L. H. Bowen - mailing exp	4.87	
1/29/54	W. G. Fennell - mailing exp.	2.00	
1/29/54	J. A. Malone - for 10 dues		
	He sent to NAS. Plus 2.10		
	For mailing exp	12.10	
2/1/54	Nat Audubon Soc stationary	28.80	
		47.77	47.77
	Balance 2/4/54		73.99