

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, Sec 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws on Wednesday evening, March 10, 1954 at the home of Mr. William D. McCain, 62 Mountain Road, Pleasantville.

The following were present: Mrs. Overocker, Mrs. Scritner, Miss Cypher, Messrs. McCain, Perkin, Cutting, Bowen, Fennell, Van deBoe, and Malone.

The President called the meeting to order. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved with two corrections. In absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Parsons, the Secretary reported a current in the treasury of \$5.17.

The Secretary reported receipt of a notice from the Federation of York State Bird Clubs that our dues for the year beginning March 1, 1954 are now payable. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the Secretary sends the bill to the Treasurer for payment with a notation of the amount due at the rate of \$10 per member.

Mr. Perkin submitted a check from the Bedford Audubon Society in the amount of \$53.94, representing our share of the profits of the joint Screen Tour in February, which amount will be earmarked for our Scholarship Fund reported was accepted with the thanks of the Board for his capable management of the Joint venture with Bedford.

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A discussion of ticket prices for our own Screen Tour series followed and it was voted that admission be fixed at \$1.00 plus tax (\$1.20) for adults and 50c plus tax (60c) for children under eighteen. Tickets for the entire series of three tours would be sold for \$2.50 plus tax (\$3.00) for adults and \$1.25 plus tax (\$1.50) for children under eighteen. It was also decided after discussion that the Pleasantville High School auditorium was best suited for the series despite the fact that we might have difficulty in filling it to capacity. The discussion of the Tours concluded with the reading by Mr. Perkin of his letter of application to the National Audubon Society for the series.

Mr. McCain gave a brief summary of the arguments against the proposed Echo Lake Dam in Dinosaur National Monument and read a proposed resolution drawn up by his committee for adoption by the Board and submission to the President of the U.S., the Secretary of the Interior and the congressmen who represent our area. By vote of those present the resolution was approved for submission to our members at the next regular meeting in March.

Mr. McCain also reported that he had secured the approval of the village of Pleasantville for his plan to construct a nature trail around the reservoir with the help of local Scout troops. There was no further progress to report for the moment on the efforts to halt garbage dumping and water pollution at Croton Point,

In the absence of the Field Trip Chairman the President noted that the next Field trip was scheduled for Croton Point on March 21st. The possibility of purchasing a spotting scope for use of members on field trips was briefly discussed pending receipt of further information and prices, Mr. Bowen reported that the March bulletin would be out shortly and would

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contain the annual financial report. Some local advertisers are dropping out but the Publicity Committee has secured one advertisement from a publisher (Houghton-Mifflin). The committee has also decided to send future publicity releases to the Mt. Kisco and Croton papers in addition to those now contacted. Mr. Bowen also reported that the National Society was willing to make a test of newspaper advertising for membership in cooperation with us in local papers. By a vote of 76 to 2 the idea was abled.

Miss Cypher reported for the Membership Committee that the National Society would furnish us with a small quantity of Audubon prints to use as Inducements for prospects to join our Society but the idea was rejected by vote of those present. It was decided that a duplicate set of cards should be made of our present mailing list of non-members in case the original set should be lost and that we should try to build the list up to a total of 1,000 names before the time of our first Screen Tour.

For the Education Committee Mrs. Overocker stated that the name of a teacher at the Roaring Brook School - Adrian McGuire - had been suggested by the National Society as a recipient of one of Mrs. Wiltmore's scholarships. The Education Committee has sent a letter to the schools in our area asking for applications from interested teachers and two have already been received - one from Ossining and one from North Tarrytown. It was suggested that our share of the profit of the joint Sawmill-Bedford Tour be earmarked for a scholarship at the Greenwich Audubon Camp since the amount would just about cover the expense at that camp.

Mr. Fennell brought up the subject of a meeting of Audubon Junior Club parents and since many of them would be prospects for membership in our Society it was voted that we pay for the postage and printing of a letter announcing the meeting.

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The President announced that the plans for the March meeting of members had been completed and would be held at Ossining on March 24th. The speaker will be Charles Mohr of the Audubon Center.

Since the April meeting will be the annual meeting at which officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected a motion was made, seconded and carried that the date be set as Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and place, Chappaqua. Mrs. Overocker has secured a film "realm of the Wild" which will be shown at the April meeting.

The final business of the evening was a discussion of a fund raising letter to be sent to our members to raise money for Audubon Camp scholarships. It was voted that the Fund Raising Committee be empowered to draft, print and mail such a letter, as soon as they were able to do so.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Malone

Secretary