

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 on Thursday, May 6th, 1954 at 8:15 P.M. at the home of Miss Selma I. Cypher, 16 Mohegan Road, Ossining N.Y.

Present were Miss Cypher, Mrs. Weinland, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Laire, Mrs. Overocker, Mrs. Nettleton and Messrs. Fennell, Cutting and Malone.

The President called the meeting to order, The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved as read. The President then read a copy of a letter written by Mr. Richard H. Pough to Mr. Carman, Westchester Commissioner of Public Works, pointing out the dangers inherent in the reclaiming of low-lying land in our county. Mr. Carman's reply was sympathetic to the views expressed, Mr. Fennell will consult with the Bedford and Scarsdale Audubon Societies as to any action, which might be jointly advisable.

In the absence of Mrs. Zwiefel, newly elected Treasurer, no Treasurer's report was made. In the absence of Mr. McCain the President briefly mentioned the problem of dumping at Croton Point, which is still being explored.

Mr. Cutting reported on a survey of the Nannahagan area with a view to establishing a nature trail there, he submitted a list of trees and shrubs found there, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that a special nature Trail committee should be set up to relieve the Conservation Committee of this task. No definite plan

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was made pending consultation between the President and the Chairman of the Conservation Committee.

It was decided to defer the appointment of committees for the ensuing year until such time as the questionnaires distributed at the annual meeting and by mail had been returned. One of the purposes of the questionnaire was to uncover new prospects for committee work.

Mrs. Nettleton reported on field trips planned for the Junior Audubon clubs in May to the Audubon center. For the Education Committee Mrs. Overocker reported that so far no applicant had been found from the Pleasantville Schools for our Audubon Camp scholarships. Mrs. Weinland volunteered to see the head of the Valhalla School and Briarcliff was also suggested as a possibility. Miss Cypher reported that the Membership Committee was enlarging their prospect mailing list and preparing a duplicate list. It was suggested that the Committee also look into the possibility of enrolling school students - not so much from the standpoint of special student memberships but as regular members of our Society.

It was decided to make the May meeting the final meeting until Fall - skipping June, July and August. It was felt that the program laid out by the Field Trip Committee would adequately take care of those months.

The problem of a speaker for the May meeting was the next subject discussed, The Secretary was instructed to phone Mr. Bradley, botanist at the Fairchild Sanctuary, who has a fine collection of wildflower slides, Mr. Bayard Reid, whose hobby is nature photography, was also suggested and Mrs. Weinland suggested that some member might present the interesting experiences of Mrs. Matsumoto in attracting to her feeders a wide variety of birds. Mr. Cutting has a group of water colors of Japanese birds, which he volunteered to exhibit.

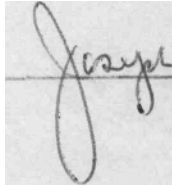
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Mrs. Laire brought up the possibility of establishing a lending library of nature books. The idea was to have members loan books to the Society which through a librarian would be made available to the entire membership. Mrs. Weinland volunteered to take over the duties of librarian and the plan was set aside for further discussion at our May meeting.

Mr. Fennell announced that the annual convention of New York State Bird Clubs of which our Society is a member would hold their annual convention on August 27th and 28th of this year at Cornell University. Pursuant to a request from the Club the Secretary was directed to send two copies of our membership list for their files, Mr. Fennell volunteered to be a delegate to the convention, if his vacation schedule permits.

The next meeting, which will be the last Director's meeting until September, will be held on June 3rd. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph", written over a horizontal line.

Malone

Secretary