

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 evening, June 3, 1954 at 8:15 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cutting, Upper Croton Avenue, Ossining, N.Y.

Present were Mrs. Nettleton, Miss Cypher, Mrs. Overocker, Mrs. Laire, Mrs. Weinland, Mrs. Zwiefel and Messrs, Aikman, McCain, Cutting, Van deBoe, Fennell and Malone.

The President called the meeting to order. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as read. In the absence of the new Treasurer, Mrs. Zwiefel, who arrived later, the President read a report, which showed a treasury balance of \$268.01. Of this amount \$213.44 represents money earmarked for our Scholarship fund.

In the absence of Carl Burger, Conservation Chairman, the matter of the Echo Park Dam was discussed. The following resolution was duly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that a letter outlining the reasons for our opposition to the Echo Park Dam be sent to the Congressmen from our district and that members also be urged to write of their opposition.

Mrs. Overocker reported for the Education Committee that the recipients of our Audubon Camp Scholarships this year would be Miss Rapp of Ossining and Mr. Wilson of Pleasantville. After discussion the following resolution was duly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted;

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be empowered to draw a check to the order of Mr. Wilson in the amount of \$29.00 to defray the cost of his trip by train to the Maine Audubon camp and that

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a check for the Camp fees for both recipients be drawn to the order of the National Audubon Society.

The Director of Camp Greely has appealed to the Education Committee for aid in carrying out a Nature program. While no definite action was taken on the appeal it was suggested that if we could get one member to visit the camp each week for eight weeks and have the camp spend their available funds for slides on nature subjects to be shown at each visit, it might make a worthwhile program.

Mrs. Nettleton reported that the next field trip would be held at the Chappaqua Garden Club Sanctuary under the joint leadership of Mrs. MacDonald and Mr. Cutting, on June 5th. Mrs. Nettleton also passed around letters of thanks received from the United Nations Volunteer Services and from one couple, who had attended our last field trip.

For the Membership Committee Miss Cypher reported that letters were being sent to members, who had delayed their renewals. A list of prospects supplied by Louis Van deBoe was also being followed up and the President submitted a list of parents of his Junior Audubon Club members for the same purpose, Mr. Van DeBoe stated that his Nature Trail Committee would hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 8th. Plans for future meetings were discussed next. It was suggested that we invite the donees of our Scholarship Fund to the September meeting to be introduced and that the Education and Publicity Committees arrange to publicize the plan in local papers. On the question of inviting children to our meetings Mrs. Overocker brought up the point that, if that were the case, meetings should be scheduled on Friday evenings. The possibility of sponsoring an art and essay contest in the schools was also discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that we should work on the idea of an art contest - both an essay and art project

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being too much to attempt. In the matter of exhibits at Flower Shows, Mr. McCain felt that we might try to participate in other shows besides the one in Pleasantville and Mr. Cutting noted that the majority of them are held in

the Spring. Mrs. Nettleton suggested as a suitable exhibit a flannel board conservation presentation. Another Audubon photo tour was also contemplated. The folio-wing resolution was then duly moved, seconded and unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that our Society participate in the Flower Show of the Pleasantville Garden Club and that an Audubon Photo Tour be arranged for the occasion, if possible to tie in with our Screen Tour in October

Mr. Van DeBoe brought up the possibility of our Society working out a nature program for the physically handicapped at Grasslands Hospital and he was delegated to explore the matter further.

Mr. Perkin, Screen Tour Manager, announced that we had secured three outstanding Tours for the coming season, viz:

Oct. 9, 1954. Alexander Sprunt Jr. ...."Wing Havens"  
Dec. 11, 1954 G. Harrison...."Great Smokie Sky lands"  
April 23, 1955. L. J. Milm...."Panama Venture"

All the Screen Tour dates are Saturdays. The president announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Davey, approving our use of the Pleasantville High School auditorium on all three occasions. The cost of the Tours to us is \$350 of which \$175 is due in December. Mr. Perkin will get in touch with Mrs. Lang and arrange for publicity on the tours now. As the next regular directors' meeting will not be until September the Screen Tour Committee will go ahead with their plans, so as to have them all worked out by that time.

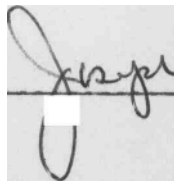
Tentative plans were made for our standing committees for the coming year and the following names were approved for the various posts, if these members are willing to serve in the designated capacities:

1. **Conservation.** Chairman, Carl Burger, Mrs. Coggeshall, Mr. Maurice, Mrs. Conyes and Mr. Van deDoe.
2. **Education.** Chairman, Mrs. D. J. Overocker. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Laire, Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Jessup and Mrs. Youmans.
3. **Field Trip.** Chairman, Mrs. Leon D Nettleton, Mr. and Mrs. Aikman, Miss Gilmour, Mrs. Terhune and Mr. Quick.
4. **Membership.** Chairman, Miss Selma Cypher. Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Cutting and Mrs. Reaser.
5. **Nature Trails.** Chairman, Louis Van deBoe. Messrs. Reid, Cutting, Walton and Appel.
6. **Publicity.** Chairman, Mrs. Lang. Mrs. Aikman, Mrs. Saxton, Mr. Youmans.
7. **Social Chairman.** Mrs. Hansen. Mrs. Page, Mrs. Darnall, Mrs. Fishel, Mrs. Locatelli.
8. **Screen Tours.** Manager, Ralph Perkin, Mrs. Perkin, Mrs. Lang and Miss Smith.
9. **Bulletin Editor:** Lewis H Bowen

A special committee **was** set up to handle the details of the Christmas Bird Count. Edward Schofield was suggested for Chairman with Mrs. McBride, Mrs. Matsumoto, Rodney Johnson and Winthrop Case as members.

The next meeting date was set for September 9th. There being no further business the meeting adjourned after a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Cutting for the delicious refreshments served.

Respectfully submitted,



Malone

Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY  
 TREASURERS REPORT  
 May 6, 1954 - May 31, 1954

Cash Deposited in the Chappaqua National Bank	\$241.39
General Fund . . . .	\$44.95
Scholarship . . . .	<u>\$19 6.44</u>

Income	
Donations to Scholarship Fund	17.00
National Audubon Society Memberships	22.63
	<u>\$281.02</u>

Expenses		
Ledger . . . .	\$ 2.50	
Rubber Stamps . . . .	2.75	
Mailing expense . . . .	75	
Mailing Cards . . . .	<u>7.01</u>	
Total Expense . . . .		13.01
Bank Balance . . . .		<u>\$268.01</u>

Bank Balance	
General Fund . . . .	\$ 54.57
Scholarship Fund . . . .	<u>213.44</u>
	<u>\$ 268.01</u>

\*Seven Renewals  
 5 – Single  
 2 – Couples  
 2 New Memberships  
 1 – Single  
 1 – Couple  
 1 Sustaining – to July  
 1 Transfer to Feb. 1955

MAILING LIST  
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Officers, Directors and Chairmen of Standing Committees

Mr. Edgerton L. Aikman	One Pond Hill Road	Chappaqua	Director.
Mr. Thomas Appel	63 Sunny-side Avenue	Pleasantville	“
Mr. Lewis H. Bowen	26 Spring Road	Chappaqua	D.
Mr. Carl Burger	192 Bedford Rd.	Pleasantville	Ch. Cons.
Mr. Stephen Cutting	50 Upper Croton Ave.	Ossining	Director
Miss Selma I Cypher	16 Mohegan Rd	Ossining	Ch. Memb.
Mr. William G Fennell	96 Varies Lane	Pleasantville	Pres.
Mrs. H. Townsend – Laire	19 Clinton St	Pleasantville	Director
Mr. William McCain	62 Mountain Rd	Pleasantville	Director
Mr. Joseph A. Malone	290 Manville Road	Pleasantville	Sec’y
Mrs. Rose Moore	41 Orchard St.	Pleasantville	Director
Mrs. Leon D. Nettle ton	12 Saratoga Ave	Pleasantville	Ch. F. Trip
Mrs. D. J. Overocker	R F D 1	Mount Kisco	Vice Pres.
			Ch. Educ.
Mr. Ralph Perkin	11 Gramatan Rd	Pleasantville	Sc. Tour Dir.
Mr. Hoch Reid	15 Sunnyside Ave	Pleasantville	Director
Mr. Louis Van deBoe	40 Hamilton Ave	Ossining	Director
Mrs. R. D. Weinland	150 Hamilton Ave	Chappaqua	Director
Mrs. John A. Zwiefel	55 Seven Bridges Rd	Chappaqua	Treas.
Mrs. W. A. Hansen	48 Prospect Drive	Chappaqua	Ch. Social
Miss Thelma Smith	21 Osays Drive West	Ossining	Ch. Publicity

Note; L Bowen – Chairman of Bulletin Committee  
L. Van deBoe – Chairman of Nature Trail Committee

Dear Joe: I am sending you a copy of this letter so you can bring your records up to date on chairmen to receive notices of monthly directors' meetings, starting **Sept. 9**. Thanks. Bill F.

96 Sarles Lane  
Pleasantville, N.Y.  
June 6, 1954

Mr. Douglas C. Orbison  
Membership Secretary  
National Audubon Society  
1130 Fifth Ave.  
New York 28, N.Y.

Dear Douglas:

Supplementing the report of this branch filed with you last month with respect to election of officers and directors, I am now reporting below the names and addresses of the chairmen of the standing committees of our branch. I will appreciate it if you will report the information to Mr. Buchheister.

Conservation: Carl V. Burger, 192 Bedford Rd.,  
Pleasantville.

Education: Mrs. D. J. Overocker, R. F. D. 1,  
Mt. Kisco

Field Trips: Mrs. Leon D. Nettleton, 12 Saratoga Ave,  
Pleasantville

Membership: Mrs. Selma I. Cypher, 16 Mohegan Bd., Ossining

Nature Trails: Louis B. Van De Boe, 40 Hamilton Ave.,  
Ossining

Publicity: Mrs. Theodore R. Lang, 132 Old Pines Bridge Rd.,  
Chappaqua

Bulletin: Lewis H. Bowen, 26 Spring Rd.  
Chappaqua

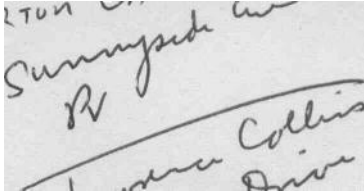
Social: Mrs. W. A. Hansen, 48 Prospect Drive.,  
Chappaqua

Screen Tour: Ralph A. Perkin, 11 Grammatan Road,  
Pleasantville

Scholarship Fund: Lewis H. Bowen, 26 Spring Road, Chappaqua

Sincerely yours,  
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President

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May 27, 1954

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Dear **f**oe:

May 27, 1954

Dear Joe:

The following persons indicated on the questionnaire that they would be willing to assist the Secretary. I thought you should have their names and I would, if I were you, feel free to call upon them for help whenever you need it.

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Nettleton

Mr. Aikman

Roswell Johnson

Saxton

Lindenthaler

Mrs. Overocker

Mrs. Perkin

Rose

Burger

Fishel

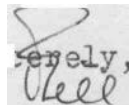
Mrs. Day

Knight

McBride

Thelma Smith

Sincerely,

A small, square, black-and-white image of a handwritten signature. The signature is written in cursive and appears to read "Bill Fennell". The word "Sincerely," is faintly visible in the background of the image.

Bill

Fennell