

The Saw Mill Fiver Audubon Society
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
of the Board, of Directors
and Chairmen of Standing Committees.

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 on Thursday evening, October 7, 1954 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Malone, 290 Manville Road, Pleasantville, N.Y.

Present were Mrs. Zwiefel, Mrs. Weinland, Mrs. Laire, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Overocker, Mrs. Nettleton, Mrs. Lang, Miss Cypher and Mssrs. Fennell, Perkin, Bowen, Van de Boe, Cutting, Aikman and Malone.

The President called the meeting to order. The minutes of the June meeting, which had not been read the last time the Board met, as well as the minutes of the September meeting were read by the Secretary and approved with minor changes. The report of the Treasurer, showing a cash balance of \$202.60 but a deficit, when accrued Screen Tour obligations were considered, was approved and a copy is appended to these minutes,

The President announced the receipt of a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service exempting the Society from liability for Federal income taxes and permitting anyone contributing to the Society to deduct such contributions in computing their personal Federal income tax,

Ralph Perkin, Screen Tour manager, announced that Screen Tour receipts to date totaled \$248.20, not including Federal taxes on admissions, and that expenses were currently estimated to be \$377.93. To stimulate ticket sales, Mr. Van deBoe suggested that each person present phone five friends the night before the Tour to suggest that they attend.

2.

Mr. Fennell announced that Mrs. Overocker and Mrs. Nettleton had assembled a group of Audubon Junior Club members to distribute Screen Tour announcements at the Pleasantville and Chappaqua railroad stations to returning commuters the evening proceeding the first tour. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED: that each of the Junior Club members helping in the distribution of handbills be given a complimentary ticket to the first Screen Tour.

The next regular meeting of members will be at Chappaqua on November 17th, and Mr. Fennell requested Mrs. Overocker to preside at this meeting and also at the second Screen Tour in December,

For the Education Committee Mrs. Overocker reported that an invitation had been extended by the Ossining schools to put on an assembly program. Miss Montaldo, a recipient of one of our Audubon Camp scholarships, is awaiting permission from the Ossining schools to establish a Junior Audubon Club. Miss Shirley Miller of the National Audubon Society is inviting Junior Club members in our area and adjacent areas to enter an art contest with birds as the subject. Two winners from each branch area will participate in a freehand drawing contest at the next National Audubon Society convention with Roger Tory Peterson judging the final winner. The education committee will appoint entries from this area, A request to the Education Committee by Mrs. Dyson Duncan for help and advice to a Girl Scout group interested in landscaping was referred to Mr. Van deBoe and Mr. Cutting for study.

Miss Cypher stated that the Membership Committee had held a meeting to consider ways of recruiting new members. As a result the Secretary was directed to add to his notice of the November meeting a return card, addressed to Miss Cypher, asking for the names and addresses of likely prospects. The President noted that renewals of membership

by present members were most satisfactory and thanked the Membership Committee for their efforts in this direction.

3.

Mr. Van deBoe's Nature Trail Committee has plans worked out for the Nannahagan Trail. An artist friend of Mr. Van deBoe's has volunteered to letter the identifying signs and Director Appel has volunteered to cut the wood for the signs. It was decided to wait until the November directors' meeting before acting on the request of the Committee for \$25.00 to purchase wood for the signs.

Mrs. Hansen reported that the Social Committee had purchased \$28.80 worth of Audubon stationery for sale at meetings and that \$25.00 had already been taken in at the September meeting. The Committee will also have a display of this material at the first Screen Tour on October 9th. Mrs. Pichetto has volunteered to fill the vacancy in the Social Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs. Locatelli. Mrs. Hansen also asked for approval for a larger committee, which was granted.

The question of honorary memberships was discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that it would be inadvisable to establish a precedent in this way. It was felt that written appreciation would be the simplest and best way in which to pay tribute to any outstanding service to the Society by a non-member,

Also discussed was the problem of directors, who might miss meetings consistently without valid reason. After due deliberation, upon motion duly made and seconded, it as

RESOLVED that the notice of the next directors' meeting include a statement of Intent to amend the By-Laws in accordance with Article XVI to permit dropping directors who miss three consecutive meetings without reasonable excuse.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Malone

Secretary

Treasurers Report
August 31st to Sept 20, 1954

Cash on Hand, August 31		
General Fund	\$127.06	
Scholarship Fund	\$4.44	
	<u>\$131.50</u>	
Income		
Audubon Soviety memberships	\$22.00	
Bulletin Ads	\$2.50	
Screen Tour Ticket Sales	\$120.90	
	<u>\$145.40</u>	
	<u>\$276.90</u>	
Expenses		
Years estimated supply of envelopes	8.55	
Screen Tour Expenses		
Envelopes	42.72	
Tickets	18.62	
Advertising	4.41	
	<u>\$65.75</u>	
	<u>\$74.30</u>	
	<u>\$202.60</u>	
Reserve for accounts payable		
Fed Taxes to date	\$10.65	
Due NAS Dec.	\$248.66	
Due NAS May 1955	<u>\$175.00</u>	
Reserve for Screen Tour	<u>\$434.31</u>	
Lecturers Fee		
Feb	\$25.00	
March	<u>\$50.00</u>	
	<u>\$75.00</u>	
	Total in reserve	\$509.31
	Accounts payable (screen tour exp)	<u>\$14.25</u>
		\$523.56
	Cash on hand	<u>\$198.16</u>
	Deficit	<u>\$325.40</u>