

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
October 13, 1960

The October meeting of the Board of Directors of SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY was held at the home of Mrs. Jonathan Coggeshall, and was called to order by Dr. Robert Schweitzer, President, at 8:35 Pm on Thursday, October 13, 1960.

The Treasurer's report was read: in the General Fund 479.36, Sanctuary Fund 407.36, Scholarship Fund 506.86, making a Total Balance of 893.58 as of September 30, 1960.

A letter from Mr. Roland Clement, Membership Department of National Audubon was received complimenting SAW MILL RIVSR AUDUBON SOCIETY for paying Mrs. Brinton's membership.

No delegate is being sent to OPEN HOUSE at National Audubon this year. Education- Mrs. Jessup is no longer a leader of the Junior Audubon. Mrs. Laire mentioned that National sends a suggested program in outline form for Junior Audubon, which can be modified as necessary. Conservation - Mrs. Coggeshall announced that the Hunter, N.Y. ski project will not be voted upon at this election. Mrs. Coggeshall wrote to our State Senator and our 2 State Assembly candidates voicing our opposition to the project. Mrs. Coggeshall received a reply from the Democratic candidate Mr. Eugene Albert, in which he voiced his opposition to leasing forest land for such a project. Dr. Schweitzer suggested we write to the elected candidates to put on record our opposition to leasing wilderness areas to commercial projects.

Mrs. Coggeshall reported that regarding Croton Point, Mr. Pound is on our side. Ninety acres are to be kept as marsh and open land. New prices have been set for raw garbage, a bit lower for incinerated refuse. By this method it is hoped to do away with dumping altogether. Mr. Pound hopes that by 1964. There will be no more dumping.

A folder has been prepared on the Hunter Land Grab, and copies will be given out at our next regular meeting. The \$75-million dollar bond issue to buy land for open areas will be on the ballot for this November.

No publicity announcements.

Field Trip - Montauk Point. Mr. Lester Walsh is unable to lead the trip. Dr. Schweitzer suggested that those interested in a field trip go to Brinton Brook instead. It was suggested that Mr. & Mrs. Nettleton lead the trip. Mrs. Forsyth will phone Mr. Nettleton. The trip is to begin at 2:30 at Brinton Brook on Sunday October 23rd. Mr. Walsh described how he discovered a fox lair; he was led to the den by a dog who had caught one of the cubs. After releasing the cub, Mr. Walsh remained close by and finally saw the nether and 3 cubs.

Social - Mrs. Augat and Mrs. MacDonald had a most attractive refreshment table set -up for the social hour which preceded the first general meeting of 1960-61 season.

Program - A committee made up of Dr. Schweitzer, Mr. Malone, Mr. Carruth and Mr. Barmettler held a meeting to prepare for the paid lecture program. It was decided to do three things:

1. to have a heavy advance sale - sending letter with 4. tickets to each member with return envelope
2. to have a \$1.25 contribution for adults; at the door children can buy tickets for 75 cents.
3. for a psychological effect - the purpose of the paid lecture is to benefit one or more of our activities.

It was decided to use the proceeds for our Sanctuary and Education Funds.

The program is on November 18th, and a reminder will be mailed out about November 5th.

Posters announcing the program will be distributed in our area by various board members.

The film SAVAGE SPLENDOR is about Congo wild life; the picture was taken about 6 or 8 yrs. ago. Mr. Cotlow will be glad to answer questions after the showing. Mr. Cotlow is to give us some information to be included in the letter.

Mr. Cotlow will contact Mr. Alexander, his regular projectionist. Mr. Cotlow's fee is \$100, plus the projectionist's fee.

Mr. Holmes suggested we announce the paid program at next general meeting.

Brinton Brook - Mrs. Forsyth reported that it will soon be necessary - perhaps in the spring - to repair the dam, and that a special campaign might be necessary.

In the last 2 weeks Mr. James Ritchie has finished planting multi-flora roses. Three circles are now completed. Eighteen Boy Scouts, 2 Leaders and one father cleared small saplings from the fields, and also cleared roots on the trail. They also cleared out road to make a fire lane to power line. Mr. Streany mows the fields at 6.00 per hour. Mrs. Forsyth says that Mr. Streany figures there are 24. hours of work to keep the meadow from being overgrown, lane between road and wagon road, etc., and to cut fire lane or a total of 145.00 for mowing this yr. If we are listed as a sanctuary, could we not receive some money from National? Mr. Streany suggested the fire lane and he is on the Fire Department of Croton. The cutting is necessary to have a good balance of open area, woodland, etc.

Mrs. Mack brought up the question of removing poisoned sumac called to her attention by Mrs. Nettleton. Mrs. Laire said we should mark the sumac.

Mrs. Forsyth made a motion that Mr. Streany mow the ground this fall. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mrs. Coggeshall suggested we make it an annual motion.

Mrs. Forsyth suggested we get the slides on Brinton Brook together to show at our members' meeting.

Mrs. Laire thought it would be interesting to have a show on crickets with recordings of their song.

Mrs. Forsyth brought up the problem of cars driving into the sanctuary. The Advisory Committee will decide how to handle the situation.

Mrs. Laire announced that the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs Is publishing an anniversary issue of the KING BIRD. Member organizations were asked to send in a report on their activities in the past ten years. Mrs. Laire mentioned our scholarships, Brinton Brook Sanctuary and our growing membership -now numbering 273. Mr. Carruth mentioned the problem of borers on dogwood. No action taken. Mr. Holmes announced that we have 273 members.

Miss Cypher mentioned the 6 acres of the Tommy Thurber Memorial Sanctuary which is owned by Nature Conservancy, and maintained by SMRAS. We are responsible for 1/10th of the expenses each year. Mr. Fennell is working on the subject of tax exemption. Mrs. Laire suggested we get out. It was disclosed that Mrs. Brinton has been paying all the property taxes until SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY owns all the 112 acres, at which time the question of tax abatement or non-payment will be worked out.

A general discussion on the Tommy Thurber Memorial Sanctuary property re taxes was held. The property is land-locked. It was suggested that we must be more careful in the future in acquiring land. Dr. Schweitzer decided that we discuss further the Thurber property at next board meeting.

Mrs. Laire is to find a place for our Christmas Tea to be held on Sunday, December 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 FM.

Respectfully submitted
Pauline Boury
Corresponding Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SCOCITY
 Financial Statement
 For the month of September 1960

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	September 1, 1960.....	498.70	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	NAS dues.....	55.27	
	Sale of books.....	20.70	
	Bulletin advertisements.....	22.50	
			597.17
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Printing.....	45.08	
	Program.....	54.50	
	Postage.....	11.75	
	Cost of books.....	3.73	
	Supplies.....	2.75	
			117.81
<u>BALANCE</u>	September 30, 1960.....		479.36

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	September 1, 1960.....		448.32
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Materials - Split Rock Dam.....	12.70	
	Posters (TTS).....	15.00	
	Taxes (TTS).....	6.76	
	Dues - Mrs. Brinton.....	6.50	
			40.46
<u>BALANCE</u>	September 30, 1960.....		407.36

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	September 1, 1960.....	6.86	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	Contribution (R-D).....	500.00	
			506.86
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	None		
<u>BALANCE</u>	September 30, 1960.....		506.86
<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</u>	September 30, 1960.....		893.58

Catharine D. Holmes
 Treasurer