

SAW MILL AUDUBON SOCIETY

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DECEMBER 8, 1960

The regular meeting of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society was held on December 8, 1960 at the home of Mrs. Murray MacDonald - Dr. Robert Schweitzer presiding,

Board Members present were: Mrs. Jonathan Coggeshall, Miss Velma Cypher, Mrs. Alfred Forsyth, Mrs. Townsend Laire, Mrs. Murray MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holmes, Mr. Gorton Carruth, Mr. Darrell Every, Mr. William Fennell and Mrs. Blanche Mack.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved after several slight corrections.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted for audit. Copy attached.

After discussion it was agreed that the Society's Secretarial Book should be procured from Mr. Olsen who is ill, so that the minutes can be properly entered during his absence.

It was agreed that there would be no sale of merchandise at the December meeting.

Following the reading by Mr. Fennell of a letter from Mr. Clements of National Audubon there was a discussion of his suggestion to send a representative to a meeting to be held on December 12th relative to the County Charter Revision and the possible elimination of the Park Commission. It was decided this would not be necessary.

Mr. Carruth reported on the Benefit as follows:

"The figures below are not 100% exact because it was impossible to know, for instance, how many of the tickets turned in at the door were paid for and how many were just turned in. One thing is sure - this program had the overwhelming support of our members.

We mailed out 819 numbered tickets.

144 (or about 18%) were simply returned and not paid for.

241 (or about 29%) were PAID FOR IN ADVANCE

128 (of the 241 tickets paid for in advance) were not used -indicating support from members in far away locations

188 more numbered tickets were turned in at the door - many of these were doubtless paid for - so a very considerable percentage of our members must have come out that night.

Check of the numbers indicates many members came, who had never been to a meeting before.

246 tickets not returned or paid for."

The report was accepted with approbation.

There was a discussion as to the division of the proceeds from the Benefit which was for both the Education and Sanctuary Funds.

Mrs. Laire moved that \$50.00 be allocated to the Education Fund and the balance be put into the Sanctuary Fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Every. Carried.

Mrs. Forsyth brought up the matter of the relocation of Route 22. Mr. Fennell moved that the Saw Mill River Audubon Society Board go on record as opposed to the Chestnut Ridge Route. Motion seconded by Mrs. Laire. Carried.

Mr. Holmes – Membership Chairman, reported a total of 280 members.

Mrs. Coggeshall - Conservation Chairman, reported that Con Edison has been requested to contact Saw Mill River Audubon Society if Flagg Hill should go up for sale.

There was discussion relative to a speaker for the meeting on May 19th since Mr. John Orth is not able to speak on that date. It was suggested that Mr. Komorowski who charges \$50.00 might be available. Mr. Fennell moved that Mr. George Komorowski be invited to be the speaker at the May 19th meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Forsythe. Carried.

Mr. Fennell - Publicity Chairman, reported two problems:

- 1-That material is needed for the January bulletin.
- 2-That additional advertising is needed to cover the cost of a six page bulletin.

The present advertising is slightly more than is needed to cover the cost of a four page bulletin.

Mr. Schweitzer moved that the six page bulletin be continued. Seconded by Mr. Carruth. Carried.

A laudatory letter was received from National Audubon relative to the Saw Mill River Audubon scholarships for summer camps in 1960.

Mr. Holmes moved that Mr. Fennell be authorized to give his, Mr. Fennell's Secretary, \$5.00 in appreciation of her services rendered the Society by typing the Bulletin. Seconded by Mrs. Laire. Carried.

Mrs. Forsythe - Chairman for Brinton Brook, reported that 275 visitors have signed the guest book since June 1960. Mr. Malone will ask Mrs. Brinton to make suggestions as to location of new trails at the Sanctuary.

Mr. Fennell reported on the Thurber property. It is felt that Mr. Thurber understands that he is responsible for the taxes on the property until such time as he is given tax exemption by Ossining.

An unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. MacDonald for her hospitality.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Blanche P. Mack
Secretary pro tem

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SCOCIETY
 Financial Statement
For the month of November 1960

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	November 1, 1960.....	\$504.82	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	NAS dues.....	61.58	
	Sale of books.....	14.30	
	Bulletin advertisements.....	<u>22.50</u>	
			\$603.20
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Printing (Bulletin)	45.60	
	Cost of Books.....	12.91	
	Postage.....	<u>2.59</u>	
			<u>61.10</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	November 30, 1960.....		<u>542.10</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	November 1, 1960.....	407.36	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	- Benefit Program.....	<u>585.25</u>	
			992.61
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	- Benefit Program.....		217.00
	(Speaker and Film	100.00)	
	(Projectionist	60.00)	
	(Tickets, Posters, etc.	48.00)	
	(Postage	4.00)	
			<u>217.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	November 30, 1960.....		<u>775.61</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	November 1, 1960.....	506.86	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Pamphlets.....	<u>3.30</u>	
<u>BALANCE</u>	November 30, 1960.....		<u>503.56</u>
<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</u>	November 30, 1960.....		<u>1821.27</u>

Catharine D. Holmes

Treasurer