

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 12, 1961

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. H. Townsend Laire, Clinton Street, Pleasantville, N.Y., with the following members present:

Dr. Robert D. Schweitzer, Mrs. Jonathan Coggeahall, Mrs. H. Townsend Laire, Mrs. Alfred Forsyth, William G. Fennell, Mrs. Charles A. Augat, Joseph A. Malone, Mrs. Murray J. MacDonald, Dernell Every, Mrs. Francis T. Mack, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holmes, Miss Velma I. Cypher

Dr. Schweitzer, president, called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted after minor corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Catharine Holmes reported a balance of \$1,819.98 made up as follows:

\$ 543.81 - General Fund

730.61 - Sanctuary Fund

545.56 - Scholarship Fund

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter enclosing a \$15.00 memorial gift was received from Mrs. S. Carl Ketcham in memory of Miss Elizabeth Huntington of Sarles Lane, Pleasantville, recently deceased. Miss Julia S. Capen and Miss Marie L'Hommedieu, of 529 Park Avenue N., Winter Haven, Florida, made the gift. The letter was to be passed on to Miss Pauline Boury, corresponding secretary, for acknowledgment. The \$15.00 gift will be placed in the Sanctuary Fund.

Mr. Irving Lachenbruch wrote to Mrs. J. Murray MacDonald (Conservation Chairman at the time the SMRAS was checking the availability of the swamp land on Bedford Road, Pleasantville, belonging to Consolidated Edison, for a sanctuary) in December stating the land and house adjacent to the high tension wires on Bedford Road were for sale. Financially, SMRAS is unable to purchase said parcel and Mr. Every will so inform Mr. Lachenbruch.

Mr. Fennell reported receiving a copy of Mr. Thurber's letter to the Nature Conservancy stating that a deed conveying another 1/10 interest in the Tommy Thurber Memorial had been filed in the County Clerk's Office, White Plains; also that SOME back taxes had been paid and another 1/10 interest would be added early in 1961, thus giving us a 3/10 interest.

On January 6, 1961, Mr. Fennell wrote to the Jabaily Realty Company, Brooklyn, owners of land adjacent to the Tommy Thurber Memorial, requesting an easement of ingress and egress to the Tommy Thurber Memorial Sanctuary.

Dr. R. D. Schweitzer wrote to Albany, advising that the SMRAS wanted to go on record as being opposed to the re-routing of Route 22 through the Chestnut Ridge Road in Armonk, as it would spoil two lovely wildlife sanctuaries, namely Butler Ridge and Westmoreland.

A verbal resignation, due to ill health, was received by Mr. J. A. Malone from Mr. Arthur Olsen, recording secretary. Mr. Malone will obtain the Minute book and Miss Boury will acknowledge the resignation. The president, Dr. Schweitzer, and Chairman of the Board, Mrs. H. T. Laire, were asked to present a nominee for recording secretary at the next board meeting.

William Fennell and Carol Coggeshall attended a meeting held in December at White Plains concerning the merger of the Park Commission with the Recreation Commission. The question was the form of government, whether they would be run by an advisory board or come under the Commission System. SMRAS favors the Commission System.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Mr. Holmes reported a membership of 280; one resignation - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lowe, Sleepy Hollow Road, Briarcliff; one new member - Dr. Harold Bligh, William Street, Ossining.

Conservation

Carol Coggeshall read a release from the Conservation Commission in regard to the Hunter Mountain project which disclosed they were neutral.

Consolidated Edison, owners of Flag Hill, promised to block off the roadway to prevent people from driving up by car. This would be taken care of when weather permits. They will also clean up the adjoining area.

Dr. Schweitzer announced that the National Audubon Society had sent him a copy of a letter written to Albany stating how legislature could develop a bill controlling pesticides. The Board commented that Carl Buckheister, president of National, is doing an excellent job.

Publicity

A notice of next month's meeting appeared in the Patent Trader and other papers will publish the notice. Mr. Duryea Morton will be the speaker at the meeting.

Educational

Dr. Schweitzer reported that Adrian McGuire will be the speaker at the Teachers Organization of Chappaqua, at which time he will explain the Junior Audubon Societies. In the course of the next two weeks Mr. McGuire will send out National Audubon's scholarship application blanks and literature for this year's summer camps.

Field Trips

The next scheduled trip is February 5 to Georges Island to look for Eagles.

Social

Mrs. Charles Augat will plan to have a social hour at the annual meeting in April along the lines of the first meeting of the season in September.

Mrs. Augat was appointed chairman of arrangements for a farewell get-together for Lester Walsh who is moving to Norwich, Mass. Attendance would be limited to board members and field trip participants.

Program

Mr. Duryea Morton, Director of the Greenwich Center, will be the speaker at the January 17 meeting instead of Charles E. Pound as originally planned.

Mr. Komorowski has not as yet replied to Mr. Walsh's letter asking him to be the speaker at the May meeting. In the event Mr. Komorowski is unable to speak at the May meeting, Mr. Malone suggested Mr. Wolfe of Bedford, who has excellent bird pictures, as a possibility.

Brinton Brook

A winter bird count was taken December 31 with 5 people participating. There was a total count of 117 birds and 12 species.

The wooden sign at the far end of the sanctuary has been removed from the post. Due to the heavy snowfall, it was difficult to tell whether it was taken away or covered by the snow.

Mr. George Miller of the Pleasantville Cottage School has volunteered his service with the help of scouts in clearing and constructing trails.

Miss Ruth Doolittle will organize a slide show of Brinton Brook. It was thought best to have this show included in the Membership Participation Night to be held in March.

An invitation to Miss Wiley to head a field trip in Brinton Brook this spring was suggested by Mary Forsyth. Mrs. MacDonald doubted if we would be able to secure Miss Wiley this spring as her time is probably all booked. Nevertheless she would ask her.

Mrs. C. Holmes offered her home for the February Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Velma Cypher
Secretary Pro Tem

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Financial Statement

For the month of December 1960

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	December 1, 1960.....	\$542.10	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	NAS dues.....	45.25	
	Sale of books.....	40.49	
	Bulletin advertisements.....	<u>12.50</u>	\$640.34
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	Printing.....	\$ 16.10	
	Merchandise.....	21.45	
	Postage.....	30.59	
	Program	23.05	
	Audubon Field Notes.....	3.00	
	Supplies.....	<u>2.23</u>	<u>96.53</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	December 31, 1960.....		<u>543.81</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	December 1, 1960.....	775.61	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Benefit Program.....		<u>5.00</u>	780.61
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Transferred to Scholarship Fund (from Benefit)			<u>50.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	December 31, 1960.....		<u>730.61</u>

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

<u>BALANCE</u>	December 1, 1960.....	503.56	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Transferred from Sanctuary Fund (from Benefit)		<u>50.00</u>	553.56
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> – Film rental – Jr. Audubon			<u>8.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	December 31, 1960.....		<u>545.56</u>
<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</u>	December 31, 1960.....		<u>1819.98</u>

Catharine D. Holmes

Treasurer