

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH 9, 1961

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 9, 1961 at the home of Mr. Joseph Malone. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Laire, Chairman of the Board at 8:30.

Those present were: Mrs. Laire	Mr. Barmettler
Mr. & Mrs. Holmes	Mr. Fennell
Mr. Malone	Mr. Walsh
Mrs. Mack	Mrs. Augat
Mrs. MacDonald	Miss Boury

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted after a slight correction.

The Treasurer's report:	General Fund	\$ 532.97
	Sanctuary Fund	667.22
	Scholarship & Education Fund	541.56
	Total	<u>\$1,741.75</u>

No correspondence.

No unfinished business.

Mr. Don Kunkel will lead the field trip on Saturday March 25 to George's Island, and Mr. Walsh will lead the trip later to Bivalle and Brigantine - March 25-26.

Dr. & Mrs. D. E. Copple will serve on the Audit Committee. Mr.

Walter Karl will serve on the Budget Committee.

Mr. Fennell brought up the possibility of using a questionnaire to encourage members to volunteer some of their time and talents in some phase of our Society's work. A motion was made and seconded that a Questionnaire

Committee be formed. The committee: Mr. Fennell, chairman, Mrs. Holmes and Mr. Malone. Mrs. Holmes has kindly offered to mimeograph the questionnaire. It will be mailed with the May bulletin and passed out also at the Annual Meeting in April.

Membership as of this date 286.

Conservation. Mr. Malone reported for Mrs. Coggeshall. Mrs. Coggeshall has contacted the Committee opposing the Route 87 and has informed them SMRAS also opposes the route and will help the committee. They will notify us if we can be of help.

Social Committee - nothing to report.

Education Committee - Mr. McGuire has sent out the letter re our scholarships. Mr. Nettleton will attend the Audubon Connecticut Camp. Mr. Malone suggested that Mrs. Nettleton be given a scholarship to also attend the Connecticut camp. Mrs. Nettleton has given many hours to SMRAS.

A general discussion was held regarding using some form of addressograph for the membership list. Mr. Barmettler and Mr. Malone will look into the cost of such a machine. Also discussed was the possibility of printing several hundred post cards for the Board of Directors meeting. No decision taken on this.

The March program is all set. Miss Ruth Doolittle has enough slides of Brinton Brook for a half hours showing; then Dr. Copple will show movies of nature taken by him, which will last about an hour. There will also be an exhibit in black and white of pictures taken by Mr. George Porter.

May meeting - Friday, May 19th at Pleasantville Junior Hi-School. Topic " Birds are Where You Find Them".

Re Thurber Sanctuary - a petition has been drawn up for tax exemption. Two-tenths of the property has been conveyed to Nature Conservancy and a one-tenth additional will soon be conveyed. Mr. Fennell has written to the Jabaily Realty Company requesting an easement of ingress and egress to the Tommy Thurber Memorial Sanctuary but to date he has not received a reply. Brinton Brook - Mrs. Forsyth says that it is not practical to mow this spring, but it will be done in the fall. Mr. Aikman is to repair the dam. The children of the Cottage School have made two duck houses. Mr. Holmes reported that the trail around the lake is now O.K. The blue and red trails now completely marked. Our big sign at our line is gone. It has been decided not to use labels to mark plants, but a map is being drawn which will show the plants along the trails. Copies of the map will be found in our box.

Publicity - no report.

The April Board Meeting will be held at Mrs. Mack's on April 13th, and the May meeting at Mrs. Augat's on May 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted

Pauline Barry
Corresponding Secretary

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Financial Statement

For the month of February 1961

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1961	\$552.63	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	32.08	
Sale of books	<u>15.65</u>	\$ 600.36
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Bulletin	46.57	
Books	10.59	
Postage	<u>10.23</u>	<u>67.39</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> February 28, 1961		<u>532.97</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1961	745.61	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - 2 maps	24.73	
400 rose bushes	34.76	
Post cards	7.50	
Sign post	2.65	
Rent (Benefit Program)	<u>8.75</u>	<u>78.39</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> February 28, 1961		<u>667.22</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1961	545.56	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Postage	<u>4.00</u>	
<u>BALANCE</u> February 28, 1961		<u>541.56</u>

<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</u> February 28, 1961		<u>1,741.75</u>
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Gatharine D. Holmes
Treasurer