

Saw Mill River Audubon Society Board of Directors Meeting

On December 14, 1961, at 8:25 P.M. The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society was called to order by the President, Dr. Robert Schweitzer. The meeting was held at the Pleasantville home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malone.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mrs. Lester Holmes, and was accepted as read.

A letter from Carl Buchheister was read regarding the next National Annual meeting which will be held in Texas on November 10, 11, 12, 1962.

A letter was read concerning the New York State Federation Waterfowl count on January 13 and 22. We may substitute our January field trip for this event so that our members may participate. It was suggested that interested members be contacted. Joe Malone volunteered to seek additional information regarding the Count, particularly as to which area would be the assigned territory of SMRAS.

A letter was read by Joe Malone from Lester Walsh stating that the \$50. gift from friends was used to buy a braided rug made by a native Cape Codder.

Under unfinished business, Mr. Fennell announced that the Choate property which was possibly to be given to us as a sanctuary in Pleasantville, was a matter to 'be considered in abeyance' until further notice; perhaps nothing will come of it; at least nothing is imminent.

Under New Business--- There is some concern about Readers' Digest. Two letters have been sent hopefully seeking the usual scholarship grant, but no response has been forthcoming. It was suggested that we wait until after the holidays to pursue further this item.

Mr. Fennell and Mrs. Indorf discussed Junior Club business. \$10 had been set aside in the budget, but in view of the fact that is also a club newly organized in Hawthorne in addition to the Pleasantville club, additional funds are needed for materials. Mrs. Laire made a motion that \$20 be made available for each of the clubs; this sum to be allocated from the general fund. The motion was voted upon, approved and carried.

The Christmas Bird Count will be held on December 30. Meet at 8 A.M. at route 22 and King Street.

Mr. Fennell read a letter from Mr. Thurber regarding 30 acres in Putnam County, inviting the Society to go there for a bird count. We might like to accept in the spring.

The Brinton Brook Sanctuary count will be on Sunday, January 7.

The Membership Committee reports a drop of 6 and a gain of 11 members, making a total of 291. Phone calls are made to drop-outs and new members. Field trip notices are sent only to those known to be interested. It was suggested that Miss Reider might be contacted on the possibility that she'd help with mailing. Some members this year have received two membership cards: one from NAS and one from SMRAS

Publicity: Mr. Fennell read clippings on the Christmas Tea.

Field Trip Committee: As already mentioned, the January trip will be to Brinton Brook, combined with an excursion to Georges Island.

Social Committee: Mrs. MacDonald was pleased with the Christmas Tea's success. Should name tags be worn at social affairs?

Program Committee: Joe Malone reports that the February meeting will be completely run by the Westchester Color Camera Club.

A letter from a Dr. Simmons of Katonah suggested a former Everglades naturalist for a \$25 fee. Dr. Simmons himself does a lecture on birds from the standpoint of art rather than nature. Possibly we will program him for next Sept. or Oct. Other possibilities are: Clement E. Meromit, on Africa, at no cost; the Westmoreland director; Angelo de Angelo of Bedford; the Conservation Foundation has a catalogue of conservation films. Nothing definite should be decided on programs until the new committee is elected and in office.

Brinton Brook Committee: Mrs. Forsyth reports that two new members are George Porter and Marshall Howe. Please save wood ashes from your fireplaces for the health and sanitation of the new edifice which will go up soon. At the next committee meeting future use of the sanctuary will be discussed. The philosophy should be decided soon, and announced. For example, will it be strictly a wilderness area, or will it be developed as an educational area?

The Tommy Thurber sign is ready but not up yet; it will be soon.

Mrs. Laire will be hostess in January.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M. with a 'thanks' to Joe Malone.  
Respectfully submitted,

*Mildred F. Indoy*

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Financial Statement

For the month of November 1961

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1961 .....	\$ 391.50	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues .....	82.33	
Sale of books .....	15.85	
Sale of merchandise .....	50.00	
Benefit Program .....	61.50	601.18
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Cost of books .....	46.39	46.39
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1961 .....		554.79

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1961 .....	348.04	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Benefit Program .....	421.85	769.89
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Benefit Expenses		
Postage ..... 2.80)		
Screen Tour ... 150.00) .....	152.80	152.80
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1961 .....		617.09

SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1961 .....	34.71	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Slide set for Jr. Audubon .....	5.00	
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1961 .....		29.71

TOTAL BANK BALANCE November 30, 1961 ..... 1201.59

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer