

22 January 1962

MINUTES - Board of Directors Meeting, Saw Mill River Audubon Society

On Thursday, 11 January 1962, members of the SMRAS Board of Directors met at the home of Mrs. H. Townsend Laire, Chairman of the Board. The nine members attending were Dr. Schweitzer, Mrs. Laire, Mr. Malone, Mr. Walton, Mr. Holmes, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Forsyth, Dr. Bligh and Mrs. Mack.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as read. The treasurer's report was approved as read and placed on file for audit.

Mrs. Laire reported a letter from Mr. Youmans, Recording Secretary, expressing his regrets on being unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Unfinished Business

1. It was reported that the sale of Audubon materials was progressing well with most of the selection having been disposed of.

2. Dr. Schweitzer reported that nine members of SMRAS participated in the Christmas Bird Count; 38 species and 731 birds were reported. One new bird, the Hermit Thrush, was seen at Byram(?) Lake.

3. The Reader's Digest contribution has not yet been received. It was decided that Mr. Walton should contact Sterling W. Fisher of North Tarrytown by telephone, pointing out to him that the deadline for announcing the availability of the scholarship to Audubon summer camps is drawing near.

New Business

1. Plans for carrying out a bird count at the Camp Fire Club Preserve were discussed. Sunday, 21 January was set as the date for the count. Members are requested to meet at 7:45 A.M. at Pleasantville Plaza so as to arrive at the Preserve at 8:00 A.M.

2. Consideration was given to the selection of members for the nominating committee. Mr. Fennell was chosen as chairman with two other members to be elected at the next meeting of the Board.

3. The Treasurer was instructed to advise each Committee Chairman to submit a request for budgetary funds so that the Budget Committee could plan for the coming year.

4. The selection of members for the Budget and Audit Committees was discussed with several names being suggested. No action was taken.

Committee Reports

1. Membership Committee - Mr. Holmes reported a membership of 291 with no new members or withdrawals during December.

2. Education Committee - Mrs. Laire reported that she substituted for Mrs. Indorf at the Junior Audubon Club Meeting the previous Saturday. She enjoyed the meeting and is planning to attend the Hawthorne Club to give a similar talk on birds.

3. Conservation Committee - no report.

4. Publicity Committee - no report.

5. Field Trips - January 21 trip to Camp Fire Club Preserve was discussed under New Business. Tentative plans were made for a trip to George's Island for an Eagle Count on 22 February. Mr. Malone volunteered to write Mr. Conkel and to make arrangements for the 24-25 March trip to study New Jersey Shore Birds. Some dissatisfaction with previous motel accommodations had been expressed.

6. Social Committee - no report.
7. Program Committee - no report.
8. Brinton Brook Committee - Mrs. Forsyth reported that the edifice is up but not yet functioning as the inside needs further work. Landscaping will be started in the spring.

Robert Augustine is preparing an account of the Sunday, 7 January Bird Count. Thirteen persons reported fourteen species of birds with a total of 64 birds in contrast to 117 reported a year ago. Nine species were reported at Thurber Memorial Sanctuary.

Mr. Robinson of the Parents Committee for the boy scout troop in Croton is supervising the construction and installation of feeders at Brinton Brook on Saturday, 13 January. Mrs. Forsyth will be on hand to guide the boys in placing the feeders in suitable locations. The Croton Boy Scout troop and the Buchanan Girl Scout troop will assume responsibility for checking the feeders and keeping them filled. Fewer incidences of molestation have been reported since the Scouts covered the posting signs with wire. Mrs. Forsyth will present the aims and plans of the Brinton Brook Committee at the next meeting.

The Thurber sign is completed and will be installed when the ground softens this spring.

Next meeting will be held 8 February at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Holmes.

*Respectfully Submitted
Harold F. Bligh*

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Financial Statement

For the month of December 1961

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1961	\$ 554.79	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N. A. S. dues	49.79	
Sale of books	28.00	<u>632.58</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Merchandise	14.88	
Books	7.11	
Postage	27.32	
Program	15.00	
Office Supplies	9.24	<u>73.55</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1961		<u>559.03</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1961	617.09	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Benefit Program	21.25	<u>638.34</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Publicity Material for Benefit ...	15.19	
Sign for Thurber Sanctuary	15.00	<u>30.19</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1961		<u>608.15</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1961	29.71	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1961		<u>29.71</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE December 31, 1961 1196.89

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer