

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directions and Chairmen of Standing Committees, June 12, 1962

The regular meeting of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees was held at Grasslands Hospital. Because of inclement weather the picnic was cancelled and the meeting held indoors.

Present were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Barmettler, Bligh, Downe, Fennell and Walton, and Mesdames Holmes, Coggleshall, Forsyth and McDonald.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 15, 1962 were read and approved with the following corrections:

- 1) Federal Reproduction Sales will provide 500 copies of the S.M.R.A. Director for \$125.00.
- 2) A motion was passed to thank Mrs. Murray MacDonald for her hospitality.
- 3) Two other clubs in addition to S.M.R.A. were included in the suggested combined showings of nature slides as proposed by the Color Camera Club of Westchester.

The Treasurer reported a total bank balance as of May 31, 1962 in the amount of \$1,170.57 with a balance of \$549.42 in the general fund.

Field trips to the Sleepy Hollow Restoration may be made in groups of 20 members under guidance of a leader, and insurance coverage satisfactory to Sleepy Hollow Restoration.

The question arose as to whether S.M.R.A. has adequate insurance based on extension of national coverage. Mr. Holmes will investigate and Mr. Fennell will discuss with Mr. Porter of Sleepy Hollow.

The Program Committee presented its proposed program for 1962-63. Discussion of the program resulted in the designation of the November 16th meeting as a benefit, and the January 20th meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon owing to the possibility of inclement weather. It was noted that the total estimate for the program in the amount of \$254.00 is well below the allowable amount of \$350.00. A motion was passed to congratulate the program committee on its efforts.

The Program Booklet and Directory will replace the Fall Bulletin and will include a brief history or chronology, programs, committees and membership directory. A motion was passed to order 500 copies at \$125.00.

The Brinton Brook Sanctuary Committee reported there is no legal way of hiring a warden except through a County fish and game officers and/or warden of district.

Services of a deputy of the conservation officer are available during the hunting season at an estimated cost of \$150.00 for the season. A motion was passed to authorize the president and the Sanctuary Committee Chairman to make an agreement for patrolling the Sanctuary in the amount not to exceed \$150.00.

Section III of Brinton Brook Management and Use Policy was approved in its revised form and will be mailed to members.

The Thurber Sanctuary Property taxes were paid May 28, 1962. Congratulations to Mr. Fennell.

Sanctuary contributions were discussed and will be further pursued.

No discussion was made on long range budgeting. 1962-63 Program should be examined.

It was pointed out that any item requiring publicity should be given in ample time as it requires from 3 to 6 weeks to act upon it.

The Coastal Wetland Council is fighting the movement of Shell Oil Co. to construct a refinery on the shore of Upper Delaware Bay. A pamphlet pertaining to this was distributed during the meeting. A Motion was passed for Mrs. Coggleshall to write a letter of protest to Shell for the President's signature.

Repairs to the Brinton Brook cabin were recommended according to a contractor's price of \$400.00 for making exterior walls and roof weather-tight. Long range budget committee will have to plan approximately \$900.00 for completion of repairs.

Total membership was reported at 296 members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. William G. Fennell on September 11, 1962.

Respectfully submitted,

Willis J. Messiah
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Recording Secretary

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Financial Statement

For the month of May 1962

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> May 1, 1962	\$ 655.21	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	34.92	
Sale of books	17.05	707.18
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Bulletin	33.50	
Cost of books	14.38	
Postage	13.99	
Programs	45.30	
Gift membership (Brinton)	6.50	
Transferred to Scholarship Fund..	44.09	157.76
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<u>BALANCE</u> May 31, 1962		549.42

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> May 1, 1962	621.15	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> May 31, 1962		621.15

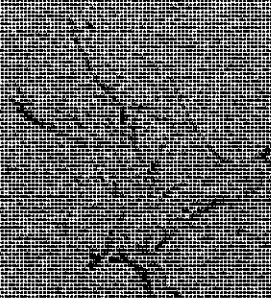
SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> May 1, 1962	58.91	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contributions	7.00	
Transferred from General Fund	44.09	110.00
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - 1 scholarship	110.00	110.00
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<u>BALANCE</u> May 31, 1962		<u>XXXXXX</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE May 31, 1962 1170.57

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer

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(Letterhead of Sawmill River Audubon Society)

31 Saratoga Avenue
Pleasantville, New York
September 1, 1962

Conservation Officer Robert Mahon
Granite Springs, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Mahon:

Thank you for our pleasant and informative evening, last night at your home, discussing the problems of our Brinton Brook Sanctuary and the hunting season. With me were Joe Malone and Jim Ritchie of our Audubon Society. We were happy to meet you and your Deputy, Bob Donecker, whom no doubt we shall see some time at the Sanctuary.

This letter confirms our agreement of last evening that, in addition to your own patrols, you will assign Deputies of your choice to make periodic checks of illegal presence of hunters at the Sanctuary during this fall's hunting season. Some time after December 1 I may expect from you a brief report of their work, in return for which, the week before Christmas, you will receive from our Society a check for \$150 as remuneration for these men's services, to be distributed as you see fit.

The only violation with which you and your men need be concerned is the presence of people with hunting weapons--air rifles, shotguns, rifles or bows and arrows. We ourselves will take responsibility for handling picnicking and illegal fishing. The Sanctuary is open to the public. Its west boundary begins at the yellow markers on both trails some distance beyond the parking area. West of these points, the land is Mrs. Brinton's private property, not part of the Sanctuary. The telephone you may use is in the little building at the entrance from Route 9; the door key is in the box on the floor of the little side porch.

Should any violations occur that require written complaints from our organization, you may reach me on school days at the Pleasantville High School, ROgers-9 0596 (if busy, try RO-9 0608) and at other times, day or evening, at the address above, RO-9 5974. Should I be unavailable you may call Joe Malone RO-9 0804, Jim Ritchie RO-9 0761, Lester Holmes (Vice President of the Society) RO-9 0424, or Bill Fennell WH-9 5503, preferably in that order. Copies of our Sanctuary Management and Use Policy will reach you under separate cover. Enclosed are maps of the Sanctuary you requested.

We are very much pleased with these arrangements, as suggested by you, and much appreciate your offer of services in helping us preserve

the Sanctuary.

Sincerely yours

(1/15/62 modified copy)

Leon D. Nettleton

Leon D. Nettleton, President
Saw Mill River Audubon Society

Enclosures

cc. to Mrs. Alfred Forsyth, B.B. Sanctuary Committee Chairman,
Messrs. Malone, Ritchie, Holmes & Fennell,
Willis Messiah, SMRAS Recording Secretary

To: Brinton Brook chairman
Recording Sec'y ✓
Conservation chairman
Open Spaces chairman

From: Leon Nettleton, 6/15/62
No 9-5974
1962-63 program folio MRS

Sawmill River Audubon Society Board of Directors vote, 6/12/62 meeting
Proposed wording of Section III, Brinton Brook Management & Use Policy

III - Warden

To insure protection for sanctuary wildlife during the fall hunting season, within the funds available, the Board of Directors will make arrangements annually with the area Fish & Game law enforcement officers for the services of a warden who would police the sanctuary grounds during the hunting season as set forth in the N. Y. State Conservation Dept. annual syllabus. The warden's fee would be agreed upon jointly by the Board and the area warden or county officials. The fee would be paid from the Sanctuary Fund budget.

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within the limit of funds available, the Board's Director will make

To insure protection for sanctuary wildlife during the fall hunting season, arrangements will be made annually with the area Fish & Game law enforcement officers to employ a warden who would police the sanctuary grounds daily during the full length of the hunting season as set forth in the N.Y. State Conservation Dept. annual syllabus. The warden's fee would be agreed upon jointly by members of the Society's Board of Directors and the area warden or county officials. The fee would be provided by the Sanctuary Fund budget, supplemented if necessary by contributions from the Society to the Sanctuary Fund.