

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Officers and Chairmen  
of Standing Committees

November 13, 1962

The regular meeting of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of standing committees was held at the home of Mrs Jonathan Coggeshall

Present were President Nettleton, who presided, Messrs. Holmes, Bligh, Jutte, Ritchie, and Messiah, and Mesdames Holmes, Overocker, Coggeshall, and Forsyth.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 9, 1962 were read and approved as read except for the following addition: Mrs. Morrison's name was added to the group taking part in the fringed gentian project.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$494.03 in the general fund, and \$601.06 in the sanctuary fund for a total bank balance as of October 31, 1962 in the amount of \$1,095.09. No balance was reported in the education fund.

The membership committee chairman reported one additional member for a total membership of 313 persons. The carpenter who performed the repairs on the roof of the Brinton Brook Cabin expressed a desire to become a member by asking that his membership fee be deducted from the \$66.00 paid him for the work.

The Christmas Tea of December 9th was discussed. Admission to the tea is to be restricted to members and their friends. Advance information is to be secured from Mr. Fennell on items which are to be sold at the tea.

A motion was passed to give the Westchester County Park Commission's Emergency Conservation Committee's approval to name the southeast portion of George's Island, "The Richard H. Pough Waterfowl Refuge."

It was decided a letter of thanks be written to Mr. Dierolf for his permitting Mr. Wood to speak before our October meeting. This was preferred decision rather than a donation be given to the Westmoreland Sanctuary.

Mr. Jutte reported on the Turner Lumber Co. property. Options have been given to two other parties to purchase the property. The tax rate on the property is approximately \$500.00 a year.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Thurber listing several of his complaints against the use of the Tommy Thurber Sanctuary. A reply to the letter was to be written saying we will do something about Mr. Thurber's suggestions. Mr. Jutte is to examine the site.

The Pleasantville Library will keep the Society's books but they must be catalogued along with the other books in the library. A special display of some of our material could be set up in the library.

The warden at Brinton Brook reports two warnings were given to hunters. The employment of a warden appears to have been a good investment.

A motion was passed to authorized Mr. Ritchie to repair the faulty stove pipe in the cabin.

Mr. Porter of the National Audubon Society has advised the agreement

between S.M.R.A.S. and National Audubon on Brinton Brook precludes donation from them on the sanctuary.

A letter from the Coastal Wetlands Council indicates a five year delay by Shell Oil Company in their plans for a refinery on Upper Delaware Bay.

The February 18th meeting will be held in the Church Street School in White Plains. Only the Scarsdale and Saw Mill River Audubon Societies will participate.

There is still no firm commitment either positive or negative from Readers Digest.

Congratulations and thanks have been received by the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs on the passage of the Golden Eagle Bill.

The Bob Augustine Bird Feeder Bulletin is expected to be duplicated in time for the tea.

December meeting plans and the need for additional committee chairmen were discussed, also the possible need for a librarian.

Project Chariot was postponed.

It was decided an interim committee was not required.

The Christmas bird count will be held December 30.

A motion was passed to assume the responsibility of President Nettleton's tickets to the National Audubon Society's annual dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16.

Respectfully submitted

*Willis J. Messiah*  
Recording Secretary

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Financial Statement

For the month of October 1962

GENERAL FUND

|                                                   |           |               |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1962 .....              | \$ 585.32 |               |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues .....               | 39.00     |               |
| Sale of books .....                               | 21.55     |               |
| Interest on savings .....                         | 9.09      | 654.96        |
| <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Printing directories ..... | 135.00    |               |
| Postage .....                                     | 4.31      |               |
| Paper .....                                       | .50       |               |
| Cost of books .....                               | 21.12     | 160.93        |
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1962 .....             |           | <u>494.03</u> |

SANCTUARY FUND

|                                       |        |               |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------|
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1962 .....  | 601.06 |               |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> - None                |        |               |
| <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None           |        |               |
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1962 ..... |        | <u>601.06</u> |

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

|                                       |                   |                          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1962 .....  | <del>XXXXXX</del> |                          |
| <u>RECEIPTS</u> - None                |                   |                          |
| <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None           |                   |                          |
| <u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1962 ..... |                   | <u><del>XXXXXX</del></u> |

TOTAL BANK BALANCE October 31, 1962 ..... 1095.09

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer

51 Saratoga Avenue  
Pleasantville, New York  
November 25, 1962

Mr. Charles Pound, Commissioner  
Westchester County Commission of  
Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
County Office Building  
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Pound:

At its November meeting, the Saw Mill River Audubon Society's Board of Directors voted unanimous approval of the Emergency Conservation Committee's recommendation that the south-east portion of George's Island Park be named "the Richard H. Pough Waterfowl Refuge." I hope that this action may facilitate your official recognition of this tribute to Mr. Pough's many contributions to the cause of conservation.

At this time, allow me to tell you that we are all looking forward with great interest to your appearance at our March meeting, discussing your views on "Westchester's Today and Tomorrow."

Sincerely yours

*Lawrence D. Kettleton*  
Lawrence D. Kettleton, President  
Saw Mill River Audubon Society

Cc. to Mrs. E. B. Ruesch, VCO Chairman  
Mrs. Jonathan Coggeshall  
Willie Mesiaiah ✓  
Ed. G. Fennell

31 Saratoga Avenue  
Pleasantville, New York  
November 23, 1962

Mrs. M. F. Rusch, Chairman  
Emergency Conservation Committee of  
Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties  
1705 Maple Ave.  
Peebleskill, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Rusch:

In response to your letter to our Past President Bill Fennell, some time ago, I am happy to report that the Saw Mill River Audubon Society's Board of Directors has unanimously approved your suggestion that a portion of George's Island be named after Mr. Fough.

Enclosed are a copy of my letter reporting this action to Mr. Fough and also copies of your letter and enclosures sent to Mr. Fennell, which you wished returned.

Sincerely yours

*Leon D. Kettleton*

Leon D. Kettleton, President  
Saw Mill River Audubon Society

Cc. to Mr. G. Fennell  
Willie Messiah, SRRAS Sec'y ✓

Enclosures