

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

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

December 11, 1962.

The regular meeting of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees was held at the home of Mrs. D. J. Overocker.

Present were President Nettleton who presided, Messrs. Holmes, Bligh, Jutte, Walton and Messiah, and Mesdames Holmes, Forsyth, Coggeshall, Mack, O Overocker, and Miss Cypher.

Let Holmes read an informative and interesting letter from Mr. Lester Walsh a former resident of Pleasantville preceding the discussion of business.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 1962 were read and approved with one correction. Mr. Dierolf instead of Mr. Wood was the recipient of a letter of thanks for the speaker furnished at the October meeting.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$968.67 in the general fund and \$570.06 in the sanctuary fund. The benefit receipts were \$571.80. The total bank balance as of November 30 was 1,540.73.

The membership committee reports a total of 313 members.

Approximately eighty people were reported at the afternoon tea.

A letter of thanks to Dr. Simmons was to be written by Harold Bligh.

The program for the year remains satisfactory. Good publicity has been had on all meetings.

Messrs. Nettleton and Fennell attended the National Audubon Society Meeting and annual dinner.

Mr. Jutte gave a report on his visit to the Thurber Sanctuary. Generally, roads to the area are not well marked, much of the land is wooded and swampy, a few birds were seen. Total area is six acres, assessed at \$2,900.00, and total taxes of approximately \$308.00.

Miss Cypher suggested the sanctuary be left as a preserve for birds and a fence built to keep people out. Miss Cypher also offered her resignation as chairman of the Thurber Sanctuary. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. George Porter discussing National Audubon Society's obligations toward Brinton Brooks Sanctuary.

Jim Ritchie's report on repairs to the sanctuary cabin was read.

A vote of thanks was given to Ed Walton for his efforts in the repair of facilities at Brinton Brook.

In view of the improvements made to the cabin it was suggested a board meeting be held there in the Spring.

Several donations to the Sanctuary fund were received.

Warnings have been given to four persons who were obviously hunters on the grounds.

A motion was passes to allocate to the scholarship and education fund the sum of \$125.00.

Ed Walton announced that Readers' Digest has taken a vote on whether to contribute to the society's scholarship fund. Results are not yet known.

There followed a discussion of long term aims.

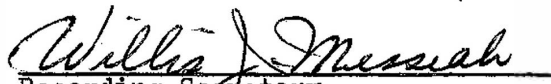
A motion was passed to incorporate the society immediately. The vote tabulation was eight yes, none opposed.

A motion was passed to authorize Mr. William G. Fennell to take appropriate steps so that we may be incorporated as soon as possible. The vote tabulation was eight yes, none opposed.

Members present were asked to give their suggestions on long range ideas and submit written details on their topics. Approximately seventeen topics were discussed briefly. They will be further developed at the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12.

Respectfully submitted

  
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Financial Statement

For the month of November 1962

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1962 .....	\$ 194.03	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues .....	74.50	
Sale of books .....	17.80	
Benefit Program .....	571.80	<u>1158.13</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Postage .....	9.23	
Printing .....	45.83	
Cost of books .....	20.64	
Rent .....	10.00	
Phone .....	1.05	
Benefit Program .....	102.71	<u>189.46</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1962 .....		<u>968.67</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1962 .....	601.06	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contributions .....	35.00	<u>636.06</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - New roof on cabin .....	66.00	<u>66.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1962 .....		<u>570.06</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1962 .....	XXX.XX	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contribution .....	2.00	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1962 .....		<u>2.00</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE November 30, 1962 ..... 1540.73

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer

31 Saratoga Avenue  
Pleasantville, New York  
November 23, 1962

Mr. George Porter, Assistant Treasurer  
National Audubon Society  
1130 Fifth Avenue  
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Porter:

It was certainly most helpful, your discussing with me in a necessarily short period of time, the problem of SMRAS finances in relation to possible National Audubon Society help for expenses at Brinton Brook. We are most fortunate to have you among our members, especially as a financial expert and officer of the National Society and an enthusiastic supporter of Brinton Brook.

At our last Board of Directors meeting I reported our situation and relationship, but was unable to find, among our records, a copy of the agreement between our two groups at the time Brinton Brook sanctuary was acquired. Could you have a copy, or if possible two copies, of that agreement sent to me, entirely at your convenience. Many thanks for all your help.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Porter. I hope to see you at the annual dinner, next month in New York City.

Sincerely yours

*Leon D. Nettleton*

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President, S M R A S

C. to Willis Messiah, Sec'y ✓

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November 30, 1962

Mr. Leon D. Nettleton, President  
Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
31 Saratoga Avenue  
Pleasantville, New York

Dear Mr. Nettleton:

Please forgive my delay in replying to your letter of November 23, but I have been frightfully busy, caused by one vacation and one sickness in our department.

As far as I can see, there never was a really formal agreement between our two organizations concerning the management of Brinton Brook, but I believe that Mrs. Laire's letter of June 6, 1958 should be considered as confirmation of a mutually satisfactory arrangement. Copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

Now that I have put my car in dead storage for the winter, I won't be able to get to Brinton until sometime next spring. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, I remain, with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
George Porter  
Assistant Treasurer

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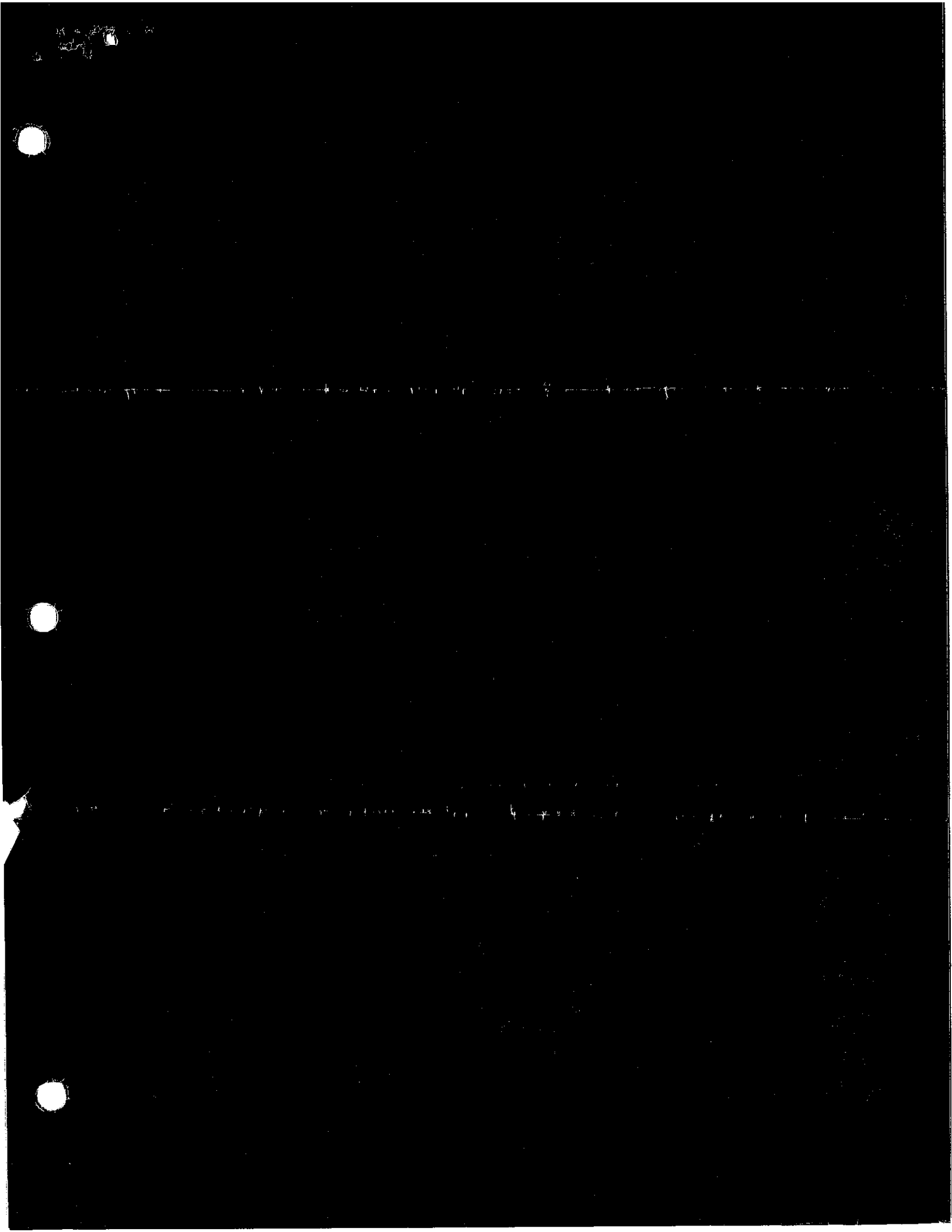
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OFFICERS

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

MEMBERS

Life  
Regular  
Student  
Junior



SMRAS Long-Range PLANNING, topics suggested at Dec. 11, 1962 Board meeting:

Aims of SMRAS, ultimately

Brinton Brook--tree & wildflower plantings

dam repair & maintenance  
pruning of apple trees  
establishment of a museum

Committee procedures written in detail by chairmen

community participation--policies & action concerning conservation needs

Endowment Fund established

Field trips planning--continue as now with 1-day & week-end trips, or add some short, occasional 2-3 hour trips? (local)

Incorporation of SMRAS

invitations to join extended at each meeting

Junior Audubon Clubs--consider & meet needs, hear progress reports, establish library for them?

Library--contribute books to Pleasantville Library? Need to appoint a SMRAS librarian?

Local government contacts

long term financing of SMRAS

measurement of progress of the Society--what criteria?

membership participation increased

open spaces - tabulation, policies, action

programs--continue on annual basis, as now, or biennial?

scholarship fund, increase in sources

Thurber sanctuary status change