

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors, Officers and
Chairmen of Standing Committees.
January 8, 1963

The Regular Meeting of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees was held at the Pleasantville High School Library.

Present were President Nettleton who was the host, and presided at the meeting, Messrs. Holmes, Bligh, Barmettler, Fennell, Jutte, Malone, Ritchie, Walton and Messiah, and Mesdames Holmes, Coggeshall, Mack, Forsyth, and Miss Cypher.

The Minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 1962 were read and approved as read.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance \$863.73 in the general fund, \$450.06 in the sanctuary fund, \$116.00 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of December 31, 1962 in the amount of \$1,429.79.

The membership committee reported a net gain of five members for a total of 318 members. Mr. Fennell stated that a list of prospective members could be given to the National Audubon Society and they would contact the prospects by mail.

Incorporation proceedings were reported as progressing satisfactorily. It is hoped to have the papers by the time of the February 12th meeting. It may be necessary to revise the by-laws of the society.

No progress was reported on the Readers Digest donation to the society's scholarship fund. It was suggested the society make application for the Readers Digest 1963 grant.

Mrs. Alfred Geiffert of Hawthorne has accepted the office of Junior Audubon Education Chairman.

Budget Committee meeting is planned for early date in February.

A check and thank you note is to be sent to Audubon Center of Connecticut in appreciation for Mr. Duryea Morton's services at the January meeting. The check is to be in the amount previously sent.

The conservation committee reported a new Audubon camp in Wyoming and two new sanctuaries in Florida and Maine. A letter was read from the Greenwich Sanctuary notifying of discontinuance of picnicking there. A letter from the National Audubon Society was read concerning the mounting campaign against Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring". It was reported the sale of N. Y. City Reservoirs in upper Westchester County does not jeopardize the area. A letter was read from the National Catholic Society for Animal Welfare concerning their efforts in protesting the sticks and stones rabbit hunt in Harmony, North Carolina. Action by SMRAS in the form of letters of protest to the American Legion Commander and the Governor of North Carolina was deferred until the fall season.

A motion was passed to authorize Mr. Fennell to tell Mr. Pound an emergency collection will be taken at the next meeting and to offer sympathy and several ideas toward the problem of maintaining the Westchester bird feeders.

The Brinton Brook bird count was made by eleven members. Fifteen species and a total of eighty one birds were counted. An estimate of \$290.00 was given for installing shingles and window casings at the cabin.

The warden's report indicated 300 hours of patrolling in which four warnings were given.

Mr. Fennell, serving as chairman of Thurber Sanctuary reported on the sanctuary and advanced several thoughts to be considered concerning same.

Long Range suggestions were discussed briefly.

A letter from Mrs. Hesburgh indicated satisfaction with the arrangements for the Color Camera Club.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully Submitted


Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Financial Statement

For the month of December 1962

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1962	\$ 968.67	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	31.00	
Sale of books	39.35	
Benefit	30.00	
Exchange	6.50	<u>1075.52</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Postage (Annual fee)	30.00	
Cost of books	7.20	
Rent	21.13	
Bird feeding pamphlet	12.94	
Transportation (pres.)	2.26	
Envelopes53	
Exchange	6.50	
Transferred to Schol. & Educ. Fund.	125.00	<u>211.79</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1962		<u>863.73</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1962	570.06	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contributions	30.00	<u>600.06</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Sanctuary patrol	150.00	<u>150.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1962		<u>450.06</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> December 1, 1962	2.00	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Transferred from Gen. Fund (Benefit)	125.00	<u>127.00</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Aud. Jr. expenses	11.00	<u>11.00</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1962		<u>116.00</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE December 31, 1962 1129.79

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

December 26, 1962

To Humanitarians:

As a result of your prompt action in protesting the Harmony, N. C., sticks and stones rabbit hunt, the national headquarters of the American Legion was swamped with letters and telegrams. The Legion's national commander reacted by ordering the Harmony Post not to use clubs and stones.

The Harmony Post nevertheless carried out on December 15 its announced plan to beat the animals to death, using "stones, broom handles, tree limbs and chunks of wood," according to press reports. Such suffering and death inflicted in gentle and defenseless creatures was the Harmony Legion Post's idea of a Pre-Christmas activity in the interest of "charity."

We suggest that you again make known your views to the Legion's national commander, Mr. James E. Powers, 700 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, asking him to take action to ensure that the Harmony Post will not repeat its barbarism. Firm action by the Legion is long overdue.

Letters to Governor Terry D. Sanford, Raleigh, North Carolina, also are indicated. The State is supposed to uphold the law and North Carolina law forbids the cruel beating of animals.

Sincerely yours,

Helen E. Jones
Executive Director