

The February meeting of the Saw Mill River Audubon society's Board of Directors took place Tuesday evening, February 12, at the home of M. and Mrs. Holmes, 433 Manville Road, Pleasantville. Attending were Mr. Nettleton, presiding, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Coggeshall and Mr. Walton. Mr. Nettleton, the President, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. The usual reports were postponed. Mr. Nettleton acted as Recording secretary.

1. ANNUAL MEETING.

Date of the annual meeting was fixed as Thursday, April 25, a week and a day later than the date appearing in the printed program. Reasons for the change: Easter vacation occurring with the original date, and the possibility that more time could be needed to complete incorporation proceedings. Place, hour and film to be the same as previously planned.

As auditing committee to report at the annual meeting in April, Mr. and Mrs. Amedeo P. Vannini were elected.

Nominating committee members, to report in April with a slate of officers for 1963-64, were elected as follows: Victor Jones, chairman, Lew Bowen, Joe Malone.

2. TREASURY FUNDS.

The Treasurer was authorized to transfer profits from the November fund-raising meeting so that the two main benefit funds, Brinton Brook Sanctuary and Scholarship & Education, received a total of \$300.90 each.

3. INCORPORATION

a. After discussion, the following preamble and resolutions, introduced by Mr. Walton, seconded by Mrs. Coggeshall and unanimously adopted, moved

WHEREAS, by the provisions of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, existing unincorporated societies are permitted to incorporate by filing a certificate pursuant to sections ten and eleven of that law, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of this Society deems it desirable that this Society be incorporated in order to secure the benefits of the Membership Corporations Law,

THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded, and upon the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors of this Society present at a duly called meeting of said Board of Directors, a quorum being present, acting in accordance with §11(9)(b) of the Membership Corporations Law and Article XVII of the By-Laws of this Society, be it

RESOLVED, that Saw Mill River Audubon Society elects to become a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York, and be it further

RESOLVED, that DONALD BARMETTLER, CATHARINE HOLMES, JOSEPH A. MALONE, WILLIS J. MESSIAH and LEON D. NETTLETON be, and they hereby are, appointed and constituted a committee with full power to do all things necessary and proper to effect the incorporation of this Society pursuant to the Membership Corporations Law and in accordance with these resolutions.

b. The certificate of incorporation of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society, as prepared by Wm. G. Fennell, attorney for the Society, was read in its entirety by Ed Walton.

c. Because of the absence of two members of the incorporating committee, it was agreed to arrange for a meeting of the five incorporators and Mr. Fennell on February 13 at the home of Joe Malone on Manville Road to sign the certificate of incorporation and have their signatures notarized.

d. There was a unanimous vote of thanks to Bill Fennell for his arduous and careful labors in preparing incorporation documents and carrying out attendant duties on behalf of our Society.

4. OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

a. Mrs. Coggeshall, Chairman of the Open Spaces Committee, reported the offer of Kenneth Chernick of Briarcliff Manor to give the Society a triangular tract of land, a little more than 5.8 acres in size, as a wildlife sanctuary. Mrs. Coggeshall, Bill Fennell and Mr. Nettleton already have inspected the area, which is entirely in the Town of Mt. Pleasant and part of the "Buckhout's Corners" section where we have held bird walks in the past. Transfer of the property from the Town to a housing corporation of which Mr. Chernick is President is now in process. After considerable discussion it was the consensus that (1) a majority of those present did not favor voting a definite approval of acquiring the land and (2) it would be desirable to discuss the matter further with a wider representation of the Board members present.

On motion of Mr. Walton, seconded by Mrs. Holmes, it was voted that we postpone action on accepting the offer and explore possibilities of other organizations' interest in the land, thinking particularly of Wildlife Preserves. Mr. Nettleton agreed to look into the latter possibility.

b. The new Route 87 plan, utilizing the easterly alternative via Chestnut Ridge, Mt. Kisco, threatening Westmoreland and Butler Sanctuaries, was discussed in the Open Spaces Committee meeting. On behalf of the Society, the President has sent letters protesting this plan to Rex Whitton, Federal Highway Administrator, Senators Javits and Keating and Representative Barry.

c. A proposed New York State law that would provide for bounties on horned owl, now a protected bird, also on grey and red fox, raccoon and skunk, is now before the Ways and Means Committee of the N. Y. State Assembly, Mrs. Coggeshall reported. After discussion in her committee, Mrs. Coggeshall sent a protesting letter to the committee's chairman, planning further moves when the bill is out of committee. Mr. Walton suggested contacting the ranking minority member of the committee. Mr. Nettleton agreed to look into such a move.

d. The O.S. Committee's discussion of a 500-acre tract of land in Chappaqua said to be available for use as an out of door preserve of some kind was mentioned. Further inquiries are being made as to its status.

e. The Regional Planning Association's coming t.v. program on Wednesday evenings, directed to interested conservation groups that provide committees of five observers each to contribute to a later survey, was discussed at the O.S. Committee and reported to the Board.

5. OTHER MATTERS

a. The March meeting of the Society will be held Friday, March 22, not March 21st as in the directory.

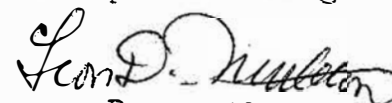
b. The President reported receipt of a reply from National President Buchheister regarding the matter of supporting Brinton Brook. Mr. Buchheister said that the National organization could not apportion help from its sanctuary fund contributions to separate organizations such as ours, but must use such moneys for its own sanctuaries. As to our own members' contributions to Brinton Brook directly instead of giving to the national fund, he quite understood and approved, hoping that some members might feel willing and able to give to both.

c. Mention was made of our coming February 18 meeting jointly sponsored with the Scarsdale Audubon Society at White Plains to view the annual exhibition by the Westchester Color Camera Club.

d. Mrs. Laire's letter of thanks for flowers and expressions of sympathy from our members was read.

e. Ed Walton invited the Board to hold its April meeting at his home.

Adjourned at 10.09 p.m.



Leon D. Nettleton
Recording Secretary pro tempore

Copy of minutes
in March Bulletin

Placed return to J. Kullback

SMRAS IS INCORPORATING

The Board of Directors at its regular meeting on Feb. 12, 1963, adopted a resolution that the necessary steps be taken to incorporate the Society under the New York Membership Corporations Law. Appointed by the Board as a committee to effect incorporation were Donald Barmettler, Catharine Holmes, J. A. Malone, W. J. Messiah, and L. D. Nettleton. This committee met on Feb. 13 and signed the Certificate of Incorporation. Before incorporation is completed by filing of the Certificate with the Secretary of State in Albany, consent of the Commissioner of Education had to be obtained, and it must be approved

be obtained, and it must be approved by a Justice of the Supreme Court of New York after submission of the Certificate to the New York Attorney General.

It is hoped that the incorporation procedure will have been completed by the time of the 1963 annual meeting on April 25 of the unincorporated Society, which meeting, if incorporation has been completed, will constitute the "first annual meeting" of the incorporated Society. If incorporation is not completed by April 25, it will be necessary to postpone the election of new officers and successors to the directors whose terms expire in 1963 to a later date on which the "first annual meeting" of the incorporated Society will be held at which officers and such directors will be elected.

The purposes of the incorporated Society will be the same as those of the unincorporated Society since its founding in 1953, and upon incorporation the members of the unincorporated Society will automatically become members of the incorporated Society. The principal advantages of incorporation will be to give the Society greater permanence as it enters its second decade and to facilitate acceptance of gifts and bequests of both real and personal property.

Meeting held

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

Financial Statement

For the month of January 1963

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1963	\$ 863.73	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	66.75	
Sale of book	4.45	
Interest	10.55	945.48
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Postage	19.54	
Program	36.15	
Cost of books	17.95	
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Transferred to Sanctuary Fund	300.90	
Transferred to Schol & Educ. Fund ..	175.90	551.28
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<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1963		394.20

SANCTUARY FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1963	450.06	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Transferred from Gen. Fund (Benefit) ...	300.90	750.96
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1963		750.96

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1963	116.00	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Transferred from Gen. Fund (Benefit) ...	175.90	291.90
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1963		291.90

<u>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</u> January 31, 1963		<u>1437.06</u>
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Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer