

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Chairmen  
of Standing Committees  
May 14, 1963

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

Present were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Bligh, Malone, Ritchie, Fennell, Walton, Boyle, Frair, Spear and Messiah; and Mesdames Holmes, Mack, Forsythe, MacDonald and Miss Cypher.

The Secretary's report of the April 9th meeting was read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$307.99 in the general fund, \$747.63 in the Sanctuary fund and \$180.84 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of April 30, 1963 in the amount of \$1,236.46.

The membership committee chairman reported a total of 325 members.

The Brinton Brook Committee reported on their April 21st meeting. The Committee is at present engaged in the work of finding holes and removing shrubs from the dam. Repair of the cabin is the next scheduled project.

No report from the Open Spaces and Conservation Committee.

The Program Committee reported the program of the meeting of May 24 will include a talk by Mr. Hugh D. Moore, a scholarship winner, and slides on wild flowers will be shown by Mrs. MacDonald and slides on Hawaii will be shown by Mrs. Harold Bligh.

The newly elected members of the Board of Directors were introduced.

Incorporation Business:

A motion was passed unanimously to adopt the following Preamble and Resolution;

Whereas the Society has been incorporated under the Membership Corporations Law of New York and the Board of Directors desires to adopt By-Laws for the incorporated Society and to repeal the Constitution of the unincorporated Society which is replaced for the in-corporated Society by the Certificate of Incorporation thereof filed April 18, 1963,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Society, a quorum being present, does hereby (1) repeal the Constitution of the unincorporated Society, and (2) adopt as the By-Laws of Saw Mill River Audubon Society Inc., a New York Membership Corporation, the By Laws of the unincorporated Society as in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this resolution, amended, however, to provide for the office of Historian (Art.

IV, Sec. 1) and to define the duties of such officer (Art. IV, Sec. 8), as set forth in the copy of said By-Laws submitted to this meeting of the Board and annexed to the minutes thereof.

A motion was passed unanimously adopting the County Trust Co. resolutions changing the organization's name to Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc., and authorizing the president and treasurer to draw on the bank account.

A third motion was passed unanimously authorizing a safe deposit box for the society.

A scholarship award to Mr. Frank Gierisch, a teacher at Pocantico Hills Central School was ratified. The amount of the award is \$65.00.

Marshall Howe's report on the meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs was read. A copy of the report is attached and form a part of these minutes.

Approval was given to expend the sum of .35 cents plus tax for telephone listing.

Joe Malone and Jim Ritchie were named to replace Mrs. Mary Forsythe as joint chairmen of the Brinton Brook Sanctuary Committee. Mrs. Forsythe had resigned as chairman last month.

Mr. Ezra Ditterline was named chairman of the new Chernick Sanctuary Committee.

The resignation of Mr. Donald Barmettler from the Board of Directors was announced.

A motion was passed to have Mr. Nettleton write a protest resolution against the spraying of Parkway trees and shrubs.

Chernick property status as reported by Bill Fennell indicates (1) application for tax exemption has to be made by June 1, 1963, (2) Deed is drafted with all provisions Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. asked for. (3) Deed has to be in hand in order to claim tax exemption. (4) Con Ed will offer revocable permit. (5) Suggestion made that we accept this plus right of way.

A discussion was held on suggested recommendations for the repair of bridge leading to property.

A motion to put off repair of bridge until fall was passed by a vote of eight to one (8 to 2).

A motion to build the bridge as soon as feasible after ownership is acquired and insurance is in effect was passed by a vote of six to four (6 to 4).

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

*Willis J. Messiah*  
Recording Secretary

## JAMESTOWN CONVENTION

The Hotel Jamestown in Jamestown, New York, was the site of the 16th annual convention of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs on the weekend of April 27-28, 1963. This organization is comprised of 35 clubs from throughout the Empire State and our own SMRAS is proud to be one of its largest members. The convention consisted of a business meeting, papers session, and banquet on Saturday and was concluded with a field trip Sunday morning. The two hundred people who attended were grateful to the Jamestown Audubon Society, the host club, for their fine work in arranging and supervising it.

Major resolutions approved at the business meeting were:

- 1.) Support of the bill which will make Fire Island a national seashore.
- 2.) Renewed support of the Wilderness Bill in an attempt to remove it from its stagnation in a Congressional committee.
- 3.) Support of the program to donate 10,000 acres of Hempstead, L.I. wetlands to the state for conservation purposes.

Senator Kenneth B. Keating was congratulated on his ardent efforts in promoting the passage of the Golden Eagle bill.

The entertainment highlight of the convention was a new movie on the birds of Patagonia, presented by Dr. Roger Tory Peterson, a native of Jamestown. The nine papers given Saturday afternoon were also very deserving of credit.

It is hoped that the success of this convention will be duplicated at future conventions. Next year's meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 23 at Poughkeepsie.

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SEPARATION

Dear Mr. Nettleton,

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Here is a summary of the convention, as brief as I could make it. One thing I did not mention was the Federation's desire for each member club to conduct its own annual breeding bird census. It may be too late to start one this year, but it is something to consider for the future.

Sincerely,  
Marshall Howe

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Financial Statement

For the month of April 1963

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> April 1, 1963 .....	\$ 324.94	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues .....	104.50	
Sale of books .....	12.95	442.39
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Postage .....	14.16	
Printing .....	6.00	
Program .....	12.50	
Bird Club dues .....	31.70	
Incorporation fees .....	65.00	
Office supplies .....	5.04	134.40
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<u>BALANCE</u> April 30, 1963 .....		307.99

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> April 1, 1963 .....	741.33	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contribution .....	10.00	751.33
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Sign .....	3.00	
Postage .....	.70	3.70
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<u>BALANCE</u> April 30, 1963 .....		747.63

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> April 1, 1963 .....	280.84	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None .....		280.84
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Annual conference N.Y.S. Bird Clubs .....	35.00	
1 week scholarship .....	65.00	100.00
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<u>BALANCE</u> April 30, 1963 .....		180.84

TOTAL BANK BALANCE April 30, 1963 ..... 1236.46

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer