

**Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees**  
**October 8, 1963**

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The regular meeting of the Board of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees was held that the home of Mrs. Jonathan Coggeshall.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Ritchie, Frair, Moore, and Youmans and Mesdames Holmes, Mack and Coggeshall.

The Secretary's report of the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was reach and accepted with minor corrections.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$242.51 in the general fund, \$700.61 in the sanctuary fund and \$183.83 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of September 30, 1963 in the amount of \$1126.95.

The membership chairman reported a total of 350 members.

The Committee reports were as follows:

Brinton Brook by Jim Ritchie: The cabin has been shingled, the work being completed by Mr. Hofken. The expense of the work being defrayed by an anonymous donor. Advise has been asked for Mr. Androsko, County Extension Agriculture Agency at White Plains who probably will visit the site and advise further. Mr. Mahan, our Conservation Officer, is alerted to organize his volunteer deputy wardens to patrol Brinton Brook during the hunting season. The vote of the Board that complete payment will be made upon receipt of a final report will be reported to the wardens by the Chairmen. The installation of wire around the Sanctuary was briefly discussed and chairmen will discuss the project with Mr. Mahan and present and estimate of the cost before further action.

Chernick Property: reported by the President on behalf of Mr. Ditterline who was unable to be present. A preliminary tour has been made of the probable location of an entrance path. The chairman expressed concern regarding the need of patrolling the sanctuary during the small game season. The general opinion was that he contact Mr. Saglibene, our area conservation officers, and decide on measures needed possibly including frequent spot checks by Mr. Saglibene. Let Homes reported that the sanctuary insurance policy was being revised to cover Con Edison liability.

Conservation Committee reported by Mrs. Coggeshall. 1. The Tobay Wildlife Sanctuary, Oyster Bay, dedicated Oct 2 requires a permit obtained from the town, free of charge for admission. 2. Fire Island Seashore Park apparently has strong general support with little opposition. 3. A bill is before Congress advocating repeal fo the import tax on wild birds brought into the country. Support is being given the bill by zoo keepers while National Audubon opposes it. 4. Hawaii wildlife sanctuary may be turned over to the state. Conservationists oppose this action because it would obviate any Federal control. 5. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that pesticide control is well in hand. National Audubon disagrees. 6. Three new wildlife refuges are being established in North Carolina and Colorado under the Dept. of Interior. 7. The Dept. has also made an agreement with NASA for part of Merritt Island near Cape Canaveral as a wildlife refuge. 8. A conservation fund bill before Congress which may be sponsored by the new Outdoor Recreation Commission appears to be a plan to charge admission to all Federal camping areas including National Forests. 9. Waterfowl huntin regulations for 1963-64 are raising hunting limits.

Field Trips reported by Mrs. Mack; Despite some conflicts of reservation Joe Malone has completed plans for the field trip to Montauk Point at the end of the month.

Old Business November fund raising meeting proceeding according to plan. At the time of meeting scheduled for Bell School at Chappaqua. Subsequently changed to Briarcliff High School.

New Business

A new resolution was adopted for acquiring a safe deposit box as follows: "Resolved that the Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. be and it is hereby authorized and directed to procure a safe deposit box in the County Trust Company, Pleasantville, N.Y. office and that any one of the officers of said corporation shall have full access to said safe deposit box and full power in regard to the contents thereof. Further resolved that the following are the names of the officers of this corporation with power as above stated, whose signature are shown on signature card. Leon D. Nettleton, president. Catherine D. Homes, Treasurer. Further resolved that all prior resolutions related to safe deposit box in the County Trust Company be and there are hereby rescinded." The resolution was passed unanimously. The secretary certified the application for the safe deposit box.

A motion was made to make a contribution toward Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malone trip to Florida to attend the National Audubon Convention. The motion was made as follows "In appreciation of their efforts for many years toward the society, we appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Malone for their expense to the National Audubon convention in Miami Florida from the education fund." The motion unanimously carried.

The President's news included: Messrs. Malone and Ritchie's' Brinton Brook report along with the president's message will appears in the next newsletter. Bill Fennel elected president of John Burrough's Society. Marshall Howe made conservationist at Westmoreland. Joe Malone's suggestion that Duncan Hines fruit cakes be sold was acted on. Mr. Hug Moore volunteered for this project as well as the sale of merchandise at the Christmas Tea for which the society is deeply grateful.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Coggeshall for her hospitality. Meeting adjourned at 9:52.

Next meeting Jove. 12 at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Murray J. MacDonald.

Respectfully submitted  
Willis J. Messiah

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

