

**Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees**  
**November 12, 1963**

[Transcribed from hand-written originals by Anne Swaim. Capitalization/Punctuation as in original.]

The regular meeting of the of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees was held that the home of Mrs. Murray J. MacDonald.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Ritchie, Moore and Spear and Mesdames Holmes, MacDonald, Page and Miss Cypher.

The Secretary's report of the October 8th meeting was read and approved with minor corrections.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$212.83 in the general fund, \$638.13 in the sanctuary fund and \$183.83 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of October 31, 1963 in the amount of \$1034.79.

The membership chairman reported a total of 354 members.

The Brinton Brook Committee report was given by Jim Richie as follows: Progress is being made on the dam project, methods are being developed to plug leaks in order to keep the water level up. Mowing has been done by Mr. Kamp at the cost of \$152.00. New sash has been installed at the cabin. The bill for this work has yet to be received. Wardens are squared away for their patrol during the hunting season. The sanctuary is again open after a good rain.

The president's report included reference to the Forest Preserve newsletter received from Bill Fennell. The Adirondack Mountain Club rules on motoring in the forest preserve appear too indefinite. Reference to the Clement symposium critique by the president indicated Mr. Pomeroy did not present both sides on the question of the use of pesticides. Mr. Clement's letter to Saw Mill River Audubon praised the efforts of the organization. In addition, the president reported Fish and Wildlife Service points out it is illegal to collect bird nests. Congratulation are in order to Bill Fennell for acquiring the Con Edison right of way permit and to "Let" Homes on completing the insurance properly for both items for the Chernick Property. Mr. Heideman returned the \$10.00 check for this October presentation. A letter of thanks was sent to him. The November meeting was definitely set for the Briarcliff High School. The usual location for the Christmas Tea, All Saints Episcopal Church, was discussed and it was decided that the tea will be held there as usual if it was available. Mrs. Page reported the scheduled date for the tea remained December 8. New people would furnish cookies and decorations would be taken care of by Mrs. MacDonald if no one else came forward.

No report was available on the Briarcliff situation in the absence of Mr. Walton. The Reader's Digest situation remains unchanged. Suggested that they be written to again.

News included the attendance at the National Audubon convention of Mrs. and Mrs. Malone and Mrs. Mack. A card was received from them; photo from Marshall Howe of us from Westmoreland was shown to those present and Mr. and Mrs. Bligh's approaching parenthood.

Mrs. Moore announced fruit cakes ordered would be available at the November meeting. The question arose of where to use the proceeds derived from the cake sales and decide it best be used toward the scholarship fund.

The Long Range Planning Committee was discussed. Some of the topics considered were sanctuaries in the future, possibility of need for full time employees for the sanctuaries, publication of the bulletin, size of membership and need for new blood. Mr. Speak and Mrs. MacDonald offered their service for the work of the committee.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. MacDonald for her hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Willis J. Messiah  
Recording Secretary