

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
January 14, 1964

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

The regular meeting of the Board of the Directors, Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Holmes.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Nettleton, Holmes, Malone, Ritchie, Frair, Spear, Ditterline, and Moore; and Mesdames Holmes, Mack, Forsythe, MacDonald and Coggeshall.

The Directors meeting followed that of the Long Range Planning Committee ably chaired by Mr. Hugh Moore.

The Secretary's report of the November meeting was read and approved. It was noted however that the name of Mrs. Robert Ridgeway and daughter should be added to those from SMRAS attending the National Audubon Convention at Miami, Fla.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$759.60 in the general fund, \$397.78 in the sanctuary fund and \$219.53 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of December 31, 1963 in the amount of \$1376.91.

The membership chairman reported a total of 362 members. Suggestion for welcoming new members were proposed. Those included (1) use of a welcome card, (2) a mimeographed message on stationery and (3) a telephone welcome from the president.

The reports of the Brinton Brook chairman include suggestion by Ed Walton to use chicken wire and mesh to keep muskrats out. An estimate is to be gotten from a contractor. A hunter who had killed a robin was apprehended and possibly may be fined \$50.00. Four bullet holes were found in the cabin walls and are to be reported to the warden.

The Christmas Bird Count showed 387 birds of 16 species at Brinton Brook including large flocks of pine siskins. A rough-legged hawk and a short-billed marsh wren were seen at Chernick. The Thurber sanctuary count was 69 of 9 species. A total of 28 species were counted in the three sanctuaries.

The Field Trip chairman called attention to the trip planned for February 9th to George's Island where it is hoped bald eagles will be observed.

The Conservation Committee chairman's report included the information the whooping crane count showed a total of 33 birds and an increase of 7; the revised wilderness bill is a victim of the congressional log jam; a memorial is to be erected to Mrs. Sleicher at Roaring Brook School. The Town of Mount Pleasant, which has no park land hoped to acquire the old Lillian Hillman estate. The program in March being arranged by the Conservation Committee will include a motion picture titled 'Pests, People and Poisons.' Because of the length of the film, the question of the use of a moderator arose. Decision was delayed on this matter.

The chairman of the Chernick Sanctuary reported that a trail had been started. "No Hunting" posters have been nailed up. Rubbish dumpers have been caught. It is recommended that the bridge be repaired this coming spring or summer. Tax bill for the property has been received.

The Christmas Tea was judged a success and profitable. Fruit cakes sold well and will be continued.

There was no December meeting of the Board of Directors

Mr. Ditterline spoke of the preference of liquid fertilizer over a wetting agent for fighting fires.

Joe Malone's report on his Miami trip which had disappeared has been returned to him.

Congratulations were extended to Dr. and Mrs. Harold Bligh on their becoming parents to a daughter.

The following motions were introduced and passed concerned the annual meetings:

1. The date was officially set as April 17th.
2. The auditors named were Mr. and Mrs. Varnini.
3. The nominating committee is to be composite of Ray Youmans as chairman, other members are Mrs. Laire and Dr. Koppel.
4. A motion was also passed to permit Mr. Youmans to resign his post as historian in order to serve as nominating committee chairman.

Doug Echols, leader of the Junior Audubon Club aided by Mrs. Gieffert, is the recipient of a scholarship.

The January meeting subject is to be bird identification. Mrs. Paul Wolfe, the speaker, will not accept a fee.

The cost of liability insurance was given as \$15.00 per meeting for a single meeting \$.90 per member if a large group.

Those interest in birds nests and egg collection may receive application from Miss Ditterline and Jim Ritchies.

Because of the illness and convalescence of a number of members a discussion was held on policy which may be adopted in this area: a sincere note of sympathy in card or letter form will be sent to those persons so affected.

The president's remarks include the news that the Route 87 suite is on its way to be presented and that the town of Mt. Pleasant has no conservation plan.

The February meeting in conjunction with the Color Camera Club is posted from February 4th to February 11th and is being held at the Pleasantville High School.

February Directors Meeting will be held on the 18th at the Kings College.

Respectfully submitted
Willis J. Messiah
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of November 1963

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1963	\$ 212.83	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. Dues	76.75	
Sale of books	31.00	
Benefit returns	577.50	898.08
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Benefit Expense	98.77	
Cost of books	60.86	
Bulletin	32.84	
Convention	50.00	
Postage	6.07	
Office supplies	1.50	250.04
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1963		648.04

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1963	638.13	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		638.13
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Mowing	152.00	
Cabin windows	38.00	
Postage35	190.35
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1963		447.78

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1963	183.83	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1963		183.83

TOTAL BANK BALANCE November 30, 1963

1279.65

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of December 1963

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE December 1, 1963	\$ 648.04	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	82.25	
Benefit	17.50	
Sale of merchandise	201.10	
(Books 115.10)		
(Cards etc. .. 86.00)		
Exchange	20.00	968.89
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Program	65.00	
Postage	35.83	
Cost of merchandise	76.83	
Delegate to Annual Meeting	11.44	
File cards19	
Exchange	20.00	269.29
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1963		<u>759.60</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

BALANCE December 1, 1963	447.78	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		447.78
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Brinton Brook Patrol (1st installment)	50.00	50.00
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1963		<u>397.78</u>

SCHOLARSHIP & EDUCATION FUND

BALANCE December 1, 1963	183.83	
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Sale of fruit cakes	123.00	306.83
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Cost of fruit cakes	87.30	87.30
<u>BALANCE</u> December 31, 1963		<u>219.53</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE December 31, 1963 1376.91

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer

Pleasantville, N. Y.
Jan. 9, 1964.

Mr. L. D. Nettleton, Pres.
S.M.R.A.S.
Pleasantville, N. Y.

Dear Leon, In acquainting myself with the Constitution and By-Laws, as amended to meet the requirements of incorporation, I was awakened to the fact that the office of Historian had been made an official one and subject to constitutional requirements and taboos. This being the case I became aware that an appointment as chairman or member of the Nominating Committee would not be Constitutional and also was subject to confirmation by the Board.

Fortunately no commitments have been made nor future actions compromised.

I suggest that you present my resignation as Historian to clear the way, if you wish me to go on with the Committee, and let the future take care of itself. I will continue the history to the end of the ten years.

Sincerely yours

Ray Youmans