

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minute of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
February 18, 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 in the Faculty Lounge of the The Kings College with Dr. Frair as host.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Nettleton, Ritchie, Malone, Ditterlin, Boyle, Walton, Holmes, Moore and Frair and Mesdames Mack and Coggeshall.

The Secretary's report of the January 14th meeting was read and approved with minor corrections.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$697.89 in the general fund, \$337.67 in the sanctuary fund and \$219.53 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance of \$1255.09 as of January 31, 1964.

The membership chairman reported a total of 369 members. Mr. Holmes also reported that membership renewals occur in the odd or thirteenth month.

Mr. Moore reported profits on the sale of fruit cakes were approximately \$35.70.

No report was made on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Regarding Brinton Brook, Mr. Boyles gave an interesting account of his activities with the fish in the pond in order to make a count of the various species there. He gave an approximate total of 486 for large mouth bass and between 10,000 and 15,000 for sunfish. The bass' average weight is about 3-1/2 pound and 18" long. Also present are pickerel, yellow perch and brown bullhead. Mr. Boyle also reported a yellow grub parasite present in the water. He proposed to net about 500 fish in the spring and, employing a method which he described, be able to make an accurate count of the fish pond. He also recommends as chemical analysis be made of the water.

Mr. Ritchies' reported that he was waiting for the wardens report. He also reported a tame deer was present on the property.

Mrs. Coggeshall's report on the Conservation Committee include the news that 17 acres in Greenwich was donated to Byram River Gorge; hearings are being held on the wildlife bill before a congressional committee, Congressman Barry is in favor of the bill; President's Johnson's budget generally covers well the area of conservation. Pesticide research is proposed for several areas. Scarsdale Audubon wants more control over vehicles in the Forest Reserve, no action recommended. The data for dumping garage at Croton Point is extended to January 1969.

Field Trips. Mr. Ditterline gave a report on the collection of bird nests and the regulations governing this activity. Briefly, the regulation are as follows: U.S. Wildlife issues salvage permit. N.Y. State issues as complementary salvage permit. The recipient of the permits must keep records of disposition of birds and eggs and a report submitted in January following issuance of permit which should describe the activities engaged in.

The Croton Conservation Committee is a newly established organization that is progressing well according to Mr. Boyle.

The Budget Committee was completed in accordance with Article XIV of the by-laws which specify that a non-officer member of the board of directors must be included on the committee. Mr. Edwin C. Walton was appointed under this condition.

The Chernick property was officially named the David Chernick Memorial Sanctuary. A motion to this effect was introduced by Mr. Ritchie and seconded by Mr. Walton. The motion was carried unanimously.

A letter from an organization known as the Friends of Africa was reach which asked for aid in sponsoring a movie. The board decided to take no action on this matter.

The matter of securing aid for Bill Fennell in his various activities with the society was discussed but no definite decision was reached. Aid would depend on which activity Mr. Fennell decided he would require it.

The president's remarks include a clarification of bird nest collecting permits. A statement on Stuart Udall's new book "Quiet Crisis" and a request to the members that they write to the County Commissioner of Parks concerns the disposition of the McAndrews property.

The field trip chairman reported that no eagles were sighted on the trip to George's Island however long-eared owls were sighted at Croton Point. There is a planned weekend trip to Brigantine.

A vote of thanks was given to Dr. Frair for his graciousness as host. The next board meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Forsythe.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 after which Mr. Boyle showed slides of underwater life which was enjoyed and refreshments were served by Dr. Frair.

Respectfully submitted
Willis J. Messiah
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of January 1964

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> January 1, 1964		759.60
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Sale of books	\$ 21.85	<u>781.45</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Program	18.26	
Postage	10.14	
Printing	32.83	
Cost of books	18.68	
Stencil plates	<u>3.65</u>	<u>83.56</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1964		<u>697.89</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> January 1, 1964		397.78
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Brinton Brook Patrol (2nd install- Fire insurance (cabin) ment)	50.00 <u>10.11</u>	<u>60.11</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1964		<u>337.67</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> January 1, 1964		219.53
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1964		<u>219.53</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE January 31, 1964

1255.09

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer