

**Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.**  
**Minute of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees**  
**March 10, 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 Mrs. Alfred S. Forsyth.

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

The Secretary's report of the February 18th meeting was read and approved with minor corrections.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$792.59 in the general fund, \$337.67 in the sanctuary fund and \$219.53 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of February 29, 1964 in the amount of \$1349.79.

The membership chairman reported a total of 370 members, including Mrs. Lew Bowen, wife of a long time member and past president, who has become a member after years of contributing her efforts to the success of SMRAS. The chairman reported the death of Mrs. Lester Walsh in an automobile accident in Massachusetts. Mrs. Walsh was the wife of a member of Saw Mill River Audubon Society. A motion was presented by Mr. Malone and second by Mr. Holmes to send an expression of sympathy and condolences to Mr. Walsh. The motion was unanimously carried. Also reported was the death of Mrs. Mabel Brown and the serious illness of Mrs. Murray, J. MacDonald.

The scholarship chairman reported on the award of a scholarship to Doug Echols. A motion was presented by Mr. Malone and seconded by Mr. Moore to instruct the Treasurer to proceed with the disbursement for the scholarship award to Mr. Echols.

The Brinton Brook chairman reported as follows. Some clearing of rubbish and debris was being done with the help of Mrs. Brinton's crew. Signs have been added. Vandals have damaged trees and posters and windows. Improvements have been made on the cabin such as painting of window sash, new singles on walls, and furnishings added including a rug, a chair and benches. Insurance coverage for the cabin has been acquired. Repairs of the dam were recommended as a spring project. A booklet containing the nature history of the sanctuary is planned. Assistance from Mrs. Brinton is anticipated on this project. The warden employed during the hunting seasons has reported a fine of \$52.50 being assessed against a violator for shooting, 381 hours were spent in patrolling and nine persons were warned. Three traps were found. A check for final payment has been sent to the warden. The April sanctuary meeting will be held at the cabin and the warden will be asked to attend. An expression of thanks was given to the warden.

Chernick Sanctuary chairman reported as follows. Trails have been cut, signs have been posted. A volunteer group is to do additional work on the property on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Eunice Ditterline gave a talk and showed slides to members of the Beth-El Home for the aged and 75 people proved a very appreciative audience for Miss Ditterline.

No report was given on the Thurber Sanctuary. However, a letter from Mr. Thurber expressed the need for a sign. An inexpensive metal sign on a metal post was proposed.

The Conservation Committee chairman report includes new of the various pieces of legislation before Congress. Two bills which have passed the Senate and are now before the House are Water Resources Planning and Water Pollution Control. The Wilderness Bill remains unchanged in its progress or lack of it through the year.

[Original document includes sketchy abbreviated notes in pencil for the rest of the meeting which were mostly undecipherable. What was understood is included below.]

New York State Federation of Birds Club delegates will be Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie with \$35 allocated from general fund. Motion by Mr. Ditterline, seconded by Mr. Malone, unanimous.

A field trip to Playland Park to study waterfowl.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Willis J. Messiah  
Recording Secretary

SAW HILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of February 1964

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1964 .....		\$ 697.89
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues (Jan. & Feb.) .....	\$ 171.08	
Sale of books .....	6.20	
Interest .....	10.96	188.24
		<u>886.13</u>
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Cost of books .....	12.93	
Postage .....	26.77	
Printing .....	7.50	
Program (cost of award plaque) ...	7.10	
N.Y.S. Bird Club dues .....	36.90	
Office Supplies & Phone Calls ....	2.34	93.54
		<u>792.59</u>
 <u>BALANCE</u> February 29, 1964 .....		<u>792.59</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1964 .....		337.67
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
 <u>BALANCE</u> February 29, 1964 .....		<u>337.67</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> February 1, 1964 .....		219.53
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
 <u>BALANCE</u> February 29, 1964 .....		<u>219.53</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE February 29, 1964 .....

1349.79

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer