

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
November 19, 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 library of the Robert E. Bell School, Chappaqua with President Hugh D. Moore as host.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Moore, Holmes, Ritchie, Walton, Spear, Ditterline, Frair and Messiah, and Mesdames Anderson, Coggeshall, Holmes and Geiffert.

The Secretary's report of the October 6th meeting was read and approved. It was noted a special meeting was held following the October 22nd public meeting at the Robert E. Bell School. The following items were discussed: a resolution written by Lew Bowen honoring the memory of Joe Malone; a letter replying to Francis Thurber's letter regarding the position of Saw Mill River Audubon on the Ossining Reservoir matter, and a gift presentation to Edwin Heideman. The secretary was instructed to write an account of this special meeting as an appendix to the minutes of the October 6th meeting.

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Mrs. Holmes, indicated a balance of \$405.79 in the general fund, \$818.41 in the sanctuary fund and \$159.33 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of October 31, 1964 in the amount of \$1383.53. A copy of the treasurer's report is appended as part of these minutes. [Transcribers note: appended to original handwritten minutes in SMRA archives.]

The Junior Audubon Society submitted a report indicating a gross of \$100.27 from their jelly sales. Their net profit of \$83.00 allowed them to purchase Peterson's Bird Guides for all of their members and to donate their balance of \$20.00 to the education and scholarship fund. A copy of this report signed by Miss Eunice Ditterline is appended hereto. [append to original handwritten minutes in SMRA archives.]

Mrs. Holmes also reported on the purchase of the book "Dana's Manual of Minerology" for presentation to Mr. Heideman, and also the new book "The World of Birds," by Fisher and Peterson as being available to members for purchase at a discount on the "special" price offered by the publisher.

The Fund Raising Committee Report given by Ed Walton indicated the returns on the November 13 benefit as amounting to \$622.00 The next profit is indicated as 4511.00. Returns are still being received, however. The president expressed his praise and thanks to the members of the fund raising committee for their work and the attendant secondary benefits which may be realized from the activities.

The Membership Committee Report submitted by Let Holmes showed a total of 341 members. The status of the dues of 26 members is still in question. Mr. Holmes and Miss Reiter are attempting to resolve this. Cards were sent to 35 prospective members and replies in the form of donations were received from 10 people.

The Conservation Committee Report given by Mrs. Coggeshall with the assistance of Mr. Walton included the news of the possibility of acquiring a piece of property of 0.67 acres adjoining Chernick Sanctuary. The property would be beneficial in establishing an access and right of way to the sanctuary. A motion was duly passed given Edwin C. Walton and Arthur Spear authorization to explore the possibility of acquiring for SMRAS the property. Mrs. Coggeshall and a group including Messrs. Moore, Nettleton, Ditterlin and Holmes inspected a piece of property of 8 acres located near Peekskill which was mentioned as a possible donation b a Mr. Schwartz. The consensus was that the land which include a large pond would make an ideal sanctuary but its location was beyond the reach of members of the society. It was felt that the Cortlandt Conservation Society

could better administer the property since they are closer to the area. A proposal was made to contact the group through Robert Boyle to ascertain their membership's feeling on the matter.

The Briarcliff Manor Garden Club has extended an invitation through a letter from a Mrs. Affleck to SMRA to participate in their show December 4 and 5 at Scarborough Presbyterian Church. The invitation was accepted and a display similar to the one at Valhalla will be set up. Mrs. Coggeshall expressed the need for members on the Conservation Committees from Armonk, Tarrytown and Ossining.

Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Jim Ritchie reporting. Sanctuary is closed for a second time, however visitors still wander through. Plans to reopen will depend on results from rain. The Farida Wiley Group which visited the sanctuary on October 11 numbered about 80 people. Automobiles number about 17 which, through Mrs. Brinton's permission to use her property, were all provided parking spaces. The group, which arrived at 8:45 and departed at 2:30 was escorted through by Mrs. Winkler who led the women and George Porter who led the men. Mrs. Forsythe gave a brief speech on the history of the sanctuary. Although not many birds were sighted, a pleasant trip was apparently had by all. Signs are in good shape at the sanctuary and the pool has been cleaned.

Chernick Sanctuary. Mr. Ditterline reporting. The sanctuary has also been closed. A fire, which was apparently set, burned out an area of about 150 feet in diameter outside the sanctuary but was extinguished before it reached the Sanctuary. The rubbish which was reported at the last meeting has been removed partially by Mr. Ditterline and the remainder by the person responsible for putting it there. Some horseback riders have been seen. New signs have been put up.

Mr. Ditterline reported receiving a letter dated October 29 from Sen. Carlson (Colo.) concerning the John Martin Dam in Colorado in which he encourages efforts to support legislation for the project.

The President's news as follows. The letter of reply to Francis Thurber has been mailed. Any further action on the matter is tabled. Amendment of bylaws is not required to make standing committees. Sixteen members of SMRAS attended the Cortland Conservation Committee meeting October 21 in Croton. Mrs. Malone has declined the offer to fill the post on the Board of Directors left vacant by her husband's death because of her schedule of employment. It was duly motioned, seconded and passed that the post would be offered to Mr. Howard Spindel. The postal duplicator is now in the possession of Leon Nettleton. A suggestion was made that it be given to Miss Reiter for her use.

The Christmas Tea will begin at 2:45 with refreshments being served at the show instead of before as had been the usual practice. Mr. Ditterline, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Coggeshall will aid Mrs. Scholerman.

Mr. Moore gave an account of his visit to Cornwall regarding the property Con Ed project at Storm King Mountain. He was received by the Mayor and given full details on the expected effect on the village. Mr. Moore thought the problem was a two-sided one and came away with mixed feelings. It was apparent to him that extravagant claims and charges are being made by both those in favor of the project and those against it.

Mrs. Geiffert gave a report on the activities of the Junior Audubon group. The young people have been able to use the facilities of the Hawthorne School from 9:30 to 12:30 on alternate Saturdays. They are engaged in preparing Christmas presents using nature as an inspiration.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Walton. Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted, Willis J. Messiah, Recording Secretary



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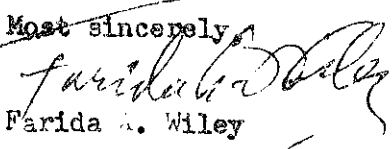
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Dear Mr and Mrs. Ritchie:

On behalf of this museum and especially
 on my own behalf I want to thank you so very
 much for your marvelous help last Sunday. To
 have someone stay and pilot those cars in was
 such a relief, and then to help with the leading
 was really fine of you both. I do not have
 Mrs. Sylvesters address, so will you please
 convey my thanks to her and to the lady who
 stayed with me, I did not get her name, who
 pointed out so many of the high spots along the
 way.

Everyone was so enthusiastic about the
 area and spoke of what a grand day you people had
 made for us.

Most sincerely,

 Farida A. Wiley

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Financial Statement

For the month of October 1964

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1964		\$ 614.57
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.B. dues	\$ 39.25	
Sales of books	39.30	
Commission on bird seed58	79.13
		<u>693.70</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Printing	147.30	
Postage	10.54	
Program	50.00	
Cost of books	8.41	
Benefit Expense	36.39	
Miscellaneous	35.27	287.91
		<u>405.79</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1964		<u>405.79</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1964		559.41
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Memorial contributions	259.00	259.00
		818.41
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1964		<u>818.41</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1964		159.33
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1964		<u>159.33</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE October 31, 1964

1383.53

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer