

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
December 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 Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Walton.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Moore, Holmes, Bligh, Boyle, Spear, Spendelow, Walton, Ditterline, Ritchie and Messiah, and Mesdames Holmes, Anderson, Forsythe and Coggeshall.

The Secretary's report of the November 19th meeting was read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report, submitted by Mrs. Holmes, indicated a balance of \$957.54 in the general fund, \$899.81 in the sanctuary fund and \$179.33 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of November 30, 1964 in the amount of \$2036.68. A copy of the treasurer's report is appended as part of these minutes. [Transcribers note: appended to original handwritten minutes in SMRA archives.] It was noted that contributions to the Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund amounted to \$446.00 as of this date.

The Conservation Committee Report given by Mrs. Coggeshall including the news that Saw Mill River Audubon Society's participation in the Briarcliff Manor Garden Club Show was a success. The theme of the exhibit sponsored by SMRAS was conservation and wildlife. Mrs. Kaye Anderson was chairman. Valuable aid was given by the Ditterlines. The McGregor Pond Property near Peekskill is being investigated by the Cortlandt Conservation Society in order to determine if it is to be donated as a sanctuary for wildlife. SMRAS has offered to aid if it is needed.

Correspondence from Board Chairman Leon Nettleton revealed his communication by mail with the Regional Forests in California concerning the free rein given to vehicles in national parks. Public hearings are urged in the matter. The Sierra Club encourages individuals to write protests.

The \$12,000,000 pollution control development for the Hudson River Basin progresses with a meeting in Matawan, N.J. scheduled for December 17th.

A discussion was held with [indecipherable in handwritten original] Little and members of the Open Spaces Action Committee concerning extension of the Chernick property. Mr. Walton reported the "In Rem" property adjoining Chernick required a survey which would be turned over to the village board then SMRAS make a nominal offer on the property. A motion was passed authorizing Mr. Walton to commit up to \$100 for the survey plus \$1 for the nominal offer to the village board for the property.

Membership Committee. Mr. Holmes reporting indicated a total membership of 341. Fourteen member dues are not paid, 8 of them dating back to 1963 while 6 are delinquent. Solution still required on members not reported by National Audubon Society.

Program Committee. Mr. Spear reports negotiations are being made with a speaker for the March 12 meeting.

Brinton Brook. Jim Ritchie reporting. Groups have been going in without escorts. Shotgun blasts were heard Saturday, December 6 between Route 9 and the parking field. Payment of the warden is being arranged. The Holbrook property adjoining Brinton is up for sale asking price of \$75,000. It is hoped a buyer sympathetic to conservation will be found. A Dr. Alexander of Fordham University interested in the chemistry of fresh water is

looking for a place such as Brinton Brook to carry on his work. A motion was passed to invite Dr. Alexander to work at Brinton Brook and to inform him of our interest in his findings.

New Business. Text of the Con Edison hearings of November 19 and 20 is scheduled for release December 15.

Mr. Howard Spendelow was welcomed to the meeting as the newest member of the Board of Directors. He has graciously accepted the Board's offer to fill the unexpired term of Joe Malone. Mr. Spendelow expressed the possibility of interesting Boy Scouts in conservation plans particularly our sanctuary programs.

Mrs. Mary Forsyth was welcomed back from her trip to Tucson as Saw Mill River Audubon's Society delegate to the National Audubon Society convention. She gave an interesting account of her experience at meetings and field trips followed by an expression of gratitude to the Board for choosing her as a delegate. Concern was expressed generally by other members of Audubon branches at the Tucson convention about the lack of liaison between National Audubon and its branches. One of the possible solutions was for branches to supply National Audubon with self-addressed envelopes for the mailing of news.

Presidents news. Board chairman Nettleton has informed President Moore he had a letter from Mr. Clemens certifying about 20 detergents as safe for use, among them "Amway," "[undecipherable]," "All," and "Mr Kleen." President Moore attended the National Audubon Society's Annual Dinner December 2, and reported a delightful evening. He expressed his thanks to the Board for making it possible for him to attend.

An important meeting will be held December 14th at Surrogate Court House, White Plains, where Westchester County Supervisors are to vote on the expenditure of \$15,000,000. All who can are urged to attend.

Attention was called to an article written by Bob Boyle which appears in the November 16th issue of Sports Illustrated.

The next meeting will be at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Spear January 14.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Willis J. Messiah,
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of November 1964

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1964		\$ 405.79
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	\$ 133.00	
Sale of books	59.15	
Benefit	646.50	
Commission on bird seed	3.60	842.55
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Program	68.26	
(Benefit-\$60)		
Printing	34.30	
Postage	13.36	
Cost of merchandise	172.79	
(Books & cards)		
Miscellaneous	2.09	290.80
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1964		<u>957.54</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1964		818.41
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Memorial Contributions	107.00	107.00
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		925.41
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Posting signs for Chernik Sanctuary	25.60	25.60
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<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1964		<u>899.81</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1964		159.33
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - Contribution	20.00	20.00
(from Chernik Jr. Aud. Soc.)		
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		179.33
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1964		<u>179.33</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE November 30, 1964

2036.68

(Note: Total contributions to Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund ... \$446.00)

Gatharine D. Holmes
Treasurer