

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
January 14, 1965

[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 Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Spear.

Present at the meeting were Messrs. Moore, Nettleton, Spear, Ritchie, Ditterline, Spendelow and Messiah, and Mesdames Forsythe and Coggeshall.

The Secretary's report of the December 10 meeting was read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report, which was given by Mr. Moore in the absence of Mrs. Holmes, indicated a balance of \$1,148.69 in the general fund, \$799.81 in the sanctuary fund and \$179.33 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of December 31, 1964 in the amount of \$2,217.83. The Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund stands at \$446.

Miss Thelma H. Smith, a member of Houston, Texas, contributed \$35.00 which previously had been sent to her by the Board of Director to cover her expenses as a delegate at the convention in Corpus Christie, Texas. A motion was passed to put the money into the general fund.

The membership committee report was also given by Mr. Moore in the absence of Let Holmes. The report indicates a total membership of 354 persons. Let Holmes was reported as being home from the hospital and recovering nicely from his bout with the surgeon's knife.

Conservation Committee report given by Mrs. Coggeshall included the news that the county supervisors have voted to acquire 150 acres of land and water right a tract near Oscawana. Governor Rockefeller's anti-pollution program is estimated at a cost of 1.7 billion dollars. The two principal adversaries at which the program is aimed are raw sewage as number one on the list and industrial waste as number two.

The Topatopa dam proposed for construction in located near the California Condor nesting place is looked upon as a menace to the big birds. Mrs. Forsyth discussed a report this subject made by Mr. Donald Clement at the National Convention in Tucson. His report included interesting information and statistics concerning the Big Sur Wildlife Area.

The Program Committee report by Mr. Spear indicated a substitute film for "Beaver Valley" will have to be shown at the January meeting since the scheduled film has been lost in transit.

Brinton Brook Committee. Jim Ritchie reporting include the bird count for Christmas. Of the 336 birds and twenty-two species, 95 birds and 10 species were counted at Brinton. Two boys were discovered making preparations to sleep in the cabin. The warden has been paid \$100.00 previous to Christmas with \$50.00 to be paid to him after his report.

Chernick Sanctuary. Mr. Ditterline reporting. Signs are being prepared for erection. Rubbish is still being dumped on the property. Members of Boy Scout Troop 12 helped cut American Elm and carted logs to corduroy trail. The Chernick part of the bird count was 230 birds and 21 species. Repair of the trestle was discussed.

The Con Ed project was discussed at length. It was decided Mrs. Coggeshall would make an announcement at the January 15 meeting urging members to write to the Federal Power Commissioner asking that hearings be reopened. Supported is also to be asked for the Courtland resolution.

The December 14 meeting at the Surrogate Court House attended by several Board members revealed uninspired and dull responses by the supervisors.

A discussion was held on the possibility of giving paid memberships to the leaders of Junior groups. At present all leaders who are still students have their dues paid by the treasury.

A vote of thanks was given to the Spears for their hospitality. Next meeting will be at the home of the Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Holmes.

[No meeting adjournment was noted.]

Respectfully submitted,
Willis J. Messiah,
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of January 1965

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1965		\$ 1148.69
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. dues	\$ 105.50	
Sale of fruit cakes	20.78	
Benefit	5.00	
Interest	11.41	142.69
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<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Printing	54.61	
Postage	6.09	
Program	33.15	94.15
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<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1965		<u>1197.23</u>

SANCTUARY FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1965		799.81
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1965		<u>799.81</u>

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

BALANCE January 1, 1965		179.33
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Film rental for Jr. Audubon	11.70	11.70
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<u>BALANCE</u> January 31, 1965		<u>167.63</u>

TOTAL BANK BALANCE January 31, 1965

		<u>2164.67</u>
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Note: SANCTUARY BALANCE includes the J.A.M. MEMORIAL FUND of \$46.00.

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer