

**Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees**  
**March 11, 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 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Forsyth.

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

The Secretary's report of the February 11 meeting was read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report submitted by Mrs. Holmes indicated a balance of \$1,251.40 in the general fund, \$854.43 in the sanctuary fund and \$178.89 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of February 28, 1965 in the amount of \$2,284.72.

The annual proposed budget was presented by Mrs. Holmes, the treasurer. On recommendation of the treasurer a motion was passed to eliminate the three separate funds used in the past for budget keeping purposes and combine them into one fund. The proposed budget was discussed extensively by the Board. A motion was passed to increase the estimated expenditures from the general fund in the amount of \$73.00 for conservation. A motion was passed approving the proposed budget for the general fund.

The estimated expenditures of the sanctuary fund was increased by an addition of 425.00 to the amount allowed for mowing. A motion was so passed. A motion was passed approving the proposed budget for the sanctuary fund. A motion was passed approving the proposed budget for the scholarship and education fund. The Budget was approved by the Board with Vice President Spear noting that an apparent deficit existed in the amount of \$585.50. This contention being based on estimated income of \$1655.00 and estimated expenses of \$2,240.50 as shown in the budget. The treasurer pointed out that the apparent deficit is more than amply covered by the cash on hand.

Mr. Stanley Lincoln is the new scholarship chairman.

Conservation Committee. Mrs. Coggeshall reporting including newspaper clipping covering conservation issues such as the Federal power Commission approval for Con Ed. A letter was read from Congressman Ottinger expressing his appreciation for effort of SMRAS in the fight to preserve the natural beauty of the Hudson River. It was pointed out that Senator Pomeroy Committee on Conservation needs the help of SMRAS on future measures. The Sierra Club will hold its meeting in Nyack, N.Y. on March 14.

Mrs. Geiffert reported a field trip is being offered by the Education Committee.

Membership Chairman Holmes reported a total of 340 members.

The program for the remainder of the year is complete.

Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Mrs. Ritchie reporting. Warden Robert Mahan has submitted his final report. The report indicates 341 hours were spent on patrol. Six people were warned against trespassing, two were apprehended for shooting deer and fiend \$102.00 each. The final installment of the wardens fee was approved

for payment. Robert Boyle has written to Dr. Alexander of Fordham University informing him of the Board's approval of his use of the Sanctuary for his work in ecology.

Chernick Sanctuary. Mr. Ditterline displayed the script to be used for the carved sanctuary sign. Twelve or more boy scouts are expected to work in the sanctuary March 13<sup>th</sup>.

MRs Anderson reported slides from the library were used by the Thornwood Garden Club and a Junior group.

Howard Spendelow gave an account of the highlights of his recent trips to Hawaii and Japan.

Mrs. Forsyth reported on the Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund as follows. [Two page typewritten report attached to original handwritten minutes included as last pages in this document.]

Text of plaque proposed for the memorial was discussed but no decision was reached on approval. The committee will resubmit text at the April or May meeting. The Brinton Committee is to decide on plaque for both Joe Malone and the late Mr. Brinton and submit its decision to the board for approval.

Village engineer of Ossining has not been able to locate Pocantico "in rem" property in local records. Village officials are all involved in the search.

Arrangements were made for the transportation of SMRAS members living in Bethel Home who desire to attend meetings.

Next meeting will be at home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Willis J. Messiah,  
Recording Secretary

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Report: Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund Committee

Despite postponement due to inclemency and illness a quorum gathering of this committee met at the Chappaqua Library on Saturday, January 30th, 1965.

All suggestions for the Joseph A. Malone Memorial submitted to the committee by SMRAS members were discussed and carefully weighed as to appropriateness and permanency. There was a wide range of suggestions.

Because of Joe Malone's devotion and service to Brinton Brook Sanctuary and to the ideals of conservation it was decided to commemorate something tangible within Brinton Brook and to use the Memorial contributions in furthering sanctuary interests; not necessarily confined to those of Brinton Brook and also not to be spent on the general maintenance of any sanctuary. With the present funds as a nucleus (to be enlarged by future contributions, bequests, special fund-raising campaigns, etc.) an endowment fund would be established to enable the Society to acquire lands adjacent to its sanctuaries and/or hire a permanent caretaker for Brinton Brook.

Believing these suggestions would most fittingly serve the spirit in deed and memory of Joseph A. Malone the committee appointed Mr. Fennell to draw up a resolution to this effect, enclosed herewith, for the approval of Mrs. Malone and the SMRAS board of directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alfred S. Forsyth, Chm.  
4 William G. Fennell  
2 Lewis H. Bowen  
6 Leon D. Nettleton  
3 Robert H. Boyle  
7 James R. Ritchie  
5 Lester C. Holmes  
1 Edgerton L. Aikman

*Secretary arrange names  
in alphabetical order*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED that of the amounts heretofore and hereafter contributed to the Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund

(1) such amount as shall be required be expended for a memorial plaque to the memory of Joseph A. Malone to be affixed, if possible, to the "Balanced Rock", or otherwise located in the discretion of the Joseph A. Malone Memorial Committee, in Brinton Brook Sanctuary, the inscription on said plaque to be subject to the further recommendation of said Committee and the further approval of this Board; and

(2) any amount thereafter remaining in said Fund be set aside on the books of this Society as a fund to be known as "The Joseph A. Malone Memorial Endowment Fund", expenditures therefrom to be subject to the approval of this Board, with preference for projects connected with the Society's sanctuaries; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund Committee composed of Mrs. Alfred S. Forsyth, Chairman, and Edgerton L. Aikman, Lewis H. Bowen, (James R. Ritchie, Robert H. Boyle, William G. Fennell, Lester C. Holmes and Leon D. Nettleton be and it hereby is continued, and together with the Treasurer of the Society, said Committee is hereby authorized and instructed to carry out the intent and purport of the immediately preceding resolution.

*(Secretary arrange names in alphabetical order for record)*

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of March 1965

GENERAL FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> March 1, 1965 .....		\$ 1251.40
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N.A.S. Dues .....	46.25	
Sale of books .....	35.40	81.65
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		1333.05
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Cost of books .....	30.48	
Postage .....	4.92	
Program .....	5.90	
Miscellaneous .....	3.67	44.97
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<u>BALANCE</u> March 31, 1965 .....		1288.08

SANCTUARY FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> March 1, 1965 .....		854.43
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Warden's fee .....	50.00	50.00
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<u>BALANCE</u> March 31, 1965 .....		804.43

SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATION FUND

<u>BALANCE</u> March 1, 1965 .....		178.89
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - None		
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - None		
<u>BALANCE</u> March 31, 1965 .....		178.89

TOTAL BANK BALANCE March 31, 1965 ..... 2271.40

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer