

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Director and Chairmen of Standing Committees
April 8, 1965

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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. Paul N. Anderson.

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

The Secretary's report of the March 11th meeting was read and approved with the addition of a statement by the treasurer noting that the apparent deficit shown by the annual budget is more than covered by the cash on hand.

Conservation Committee report given by Mrs. Coggeshall informs of legislation in Congress called the "Wild River Bill" which proposed beautification and conservation measures along six of the country's major rivers. A proposal has been advanced in the State of New Jersey to feed insects to birds as a measure of control rather than the use of insecticides. Also in New Jersey the sum of 2.8 million has been proposed for the acquisition of the Great Swamp. A letter was received from Mr. Harold J. Leonard, president of the Scarsdale Audubon Society urging interested conservationists to attend a meeting at the County Center in White Plains for the purpose of forming a Westchester Conservation Association. The objective of this association is balanced planning of areas throughout the county. Messrs. Moore and Ditterline and Mesdames Coggeshall and Anderson plan to attend the meeting as representatives of Saw Mill River Audubon. Additional pressure is recommended to be brought to bear on Secretary Udall concerning the congressional hearings on the conservation of fish. A motion was passed to donate the sum of \$5.00 to the Scene Hudson Preservation Conference. Governor Rockefeller has appointed his brother Laurance chairman of the Conservation Committee of the Hudson Agency. Congressman Ottinger has appointed Bob Boyle and Carol Coggeshall to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. The Parks for Thornwood Committee asks for support from SMRAS in acquiring a total of 6.7 acres of land including Rolling Hill Pond for a town park. A motion was passed to write a letter supporting the venture. The letter is to be drafted by Kaye Anderson, a member of the Thornwood Committee, and signed by President Moore.

The membership chairman reports a total of 341 members.

Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Jim Ritchie reports trails are clear and birds are coming in including a phoebe, pileated woodpecker and a great blue heron. Some water is leaking through the dam. The Appalachian Club has expressed a desire to go through the sanctuary in June. Ninety acres north of the sanctuary has been sold to a developer. Bill Fennell has written a letter to Carl Bucheister asking for his support in urging the land remain zoned for one acre.

Chernick Sanctuary. Ed Ditterline reports scouts have been working at removing rubbish and erecting a barricade at the parking area. A Mr. Church with this chain saw has cut logs and a corduroy trail has been built from them. Green tree swallows, ducks and Canada Geese have been sighted.

Katherine Holmes reports \$1288.08 in the general fund, \$804.43 in the sanctuary fund and \$178.89 in the scholarship and education fund, for a total bank balance as of March 31, 1965 in the amount of \$2,271.40.

Notice of subscription due to federated Bird Clubs asks for voluntary increase in subscription. The question of the worth of membership arose. Action was tabled until next meeting when more information will be available. Kay Anderson is to report.

Robert Boyle article which appeared in Sports Illustrated has been condensed in Readers Digest and reprints at available at the cost of 350 codes for 416.50. A motion was passed to purchase the copies for distribution to the membership.

The Joseph A. Malone Memorial Fund. A motion was passed adopting the resolutions concerning the fund which was read at the March 11th board meeting and which is part of the minutes of that meeting.

A vote of thank was given to the Anderson for their hospitality.

The next meeting will take place on May 13th at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Bligh.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Willis J. Messiah,
Recording Secretary