

5/14/65

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sawmill River Audubon Society Inc. was held May 13, 1965 at the home of Dr. Harold Bligh. Present were Arthur Spear, Harold Bligh, Willis Messiah, Hugh Moore, Stan Lincoln, Jim Ritchie, Wayne Frair, Howard Spendelow, Lester and Catherine Holmes, Mary Forsythe, Carol Coggeshall and Kay Koste.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was read and approved, showing a balance of \$2,278.12.

Membership Chairman Holmes reported a total of 358 members, an increase of 17.

Scholarship Chairman Lincoln reported 3 applicants in response to our own scholarships and one reported by Chappaqua Garden Club. These were a science teacher at Roosevelt School in Ossining, a grade teacher at Brookside in Ossining, a teacher at Roaring Brook School in Chappaqua, and a graduate assistant in Biology at Kings College. All applied for the two weeks' session at the Maine camp. Motion was made by Mary Forsythe and seconded that we approve the four candidates. It was reported that the Chappaqua Garden Club had sent \$125 to National Audubon to cover their scholarship. Lester Holmes suggested we explore the possibilities of seeking other corporations to make donations to replace the \$500 the Readers Digest had formerly given. There was also some discussion on the merits of having \$25 or \$10 deductible from the scholarships as an incentive for the recipients, and that scholarship winners should be required to make either written or oral reports to the Society on their experience at camp.

Mary Forsythe reported on the memorial to Joe Malone, and read three inscriptions that are being considered by the committee for the plaque on Balanced Rock at Brinton Brook. Art Spear made a motion to leave off the Inc. from the society's name, seconded by Lester Holmes. Motion was carried by majority, Jim Ritchie opposing. The Board approved taking the decision of Mrs. Forsythe's committee on the appropriate wording of the plaque and she is to recommend our wishes to her committee.

On Sanctuaries, Jim Ritchie stated the advisory board had a meeting on April 28 at Mr. Boyle's home and Mr. Porter gave a copy of the plot plan of Brinton Brook used for legal turnover to National Audubon, and said they intend to apply for a tax exemption to the sanctuary so that Mrs. Brinton will not have to pay the taxes. Mr. Ritchie asked for permission to close up the White Trail in order to give the wild life more peace on that side of the lake. He suggested we put up a sign, "Trail Resting." and thinks the trail should be closed permanently and has taken all the trail markers down. He stated there is concern about the developer coming in on the northern border and it is possible they may acquire more property nearby. The builder has proposed another senior citizens' housing plan similar to Springvale and we should try to persuade him to leave a buffer zone to protect our property. We should watch for zoning board meetings and keep reporting on what we can do. Mr. Ritchie also reported moving Dutchman's Breeches to the Sanctuary from Whitehall Corners to save them from the bulldozer.

Howard Spendelow announced that he and Ed Walton had 15 boy scouts plugging up the leaks in the dam. He also plans to get rid of the poison ivy in the parking area.

Lester Holmes announced that he and Mr. Church with the aid of some boy scouts had laid an additional 125 feet of log trail at Chernick Sanctuary and cleared up some rubbish. There will be a field day at Chernick on June 5.

Conservation Chairman Coggeshall reported that a meeting had been held by Dr. Leonard of Scarsdale Audubon trying to form a federation of people interested in conservation and that each organization that joins is asked to pay a fee of \$10. Lew Bowen, who is on the steering committee, was elected to serve as our representative for the group. Carol Coggeshall also reported that hearings are going on in Washington about the Hudson, and Con Edison has promised to make a three-year study on fish life. She also announced that Ed Walton is checking on the right of way at Chernick with various officials. The right of way is up for sale as "in rem" land but there is no clear title. When this matter is cleared up we can try to get more land at Chernick. Also she will try to get more information on 150 acres of land on Crow Hill Road that is owned by Lafayette College.

President Moore announced that the third annual Flower and Garden Show will be held at the County Center September 9 thru 12, put on by Southeast New York Nurserymen's Association and we have been asked to be an exhibitor. He also announced that we were invited to send a delegate to the New York Federation of Bird Clubs Convention in Syracuse on June 11-13. In addition he read a letter from Paul Friese, Director-Naturalist at Pound Ridge Reservation, telling us they welcomed field projects and inviting us to participate if we were interested. Art Spear suggested we write him that we already have three sanctuaries we are trying to develop, and Carol Coggeshall mentioned we might tell him we would help once in a while if we can.

Art Spear talked about the possibility of having one of our monthly meetings at Brinton Brook, and May of next year was suggested.

President Moore thanked the Blighs for their hospitality and announced that the next Board Meeting would be a supper meeting at the home of the Ditterlines on June 10.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Kostz

Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of April 1965

<u>BALANCE</u> April 1, 1965 .....		\$ 2271.40
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N. A. S. dues .....	118.00	
Contribution .....	1.50	
Exchange .....	8.50	128.00
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		2399.40
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Printing .....	64.19	
Postage .....	18.09	
Conservation (donation) .....	5.00	
Dues (Audubon Jr. leaders) .....	25.50	
Exchange .....	8.50	121.28
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<u>BALANCE</u> April 30, 1965 .....		<u>2278.12</u>

Catharine D. Holmes  
Treasurer

September 9. Second Thurs. Board Meeting

17 MMeeting: Mr. Perenzio

19 Trip: Shawangunk Mtns.

October. 21 Board Meeting

15 Program: Paul Wolf

23-24 Trip: Block Island

*- Kaye Anderson's home*

November 7 Trip: Jamaica Bay

11: Second Thursday VETERANS' DAY  
Board Meeting

19 Paid Program Grierson

25 (Thursday) THANKSGIVING

*- Spindel's home*

December 5 Xmas Tea

9 Second Thurs. Board Meeting

26 Christmas Bird Count

*- Kay Koste's home*

January 9 Trip: Rye Lake and Greenwich

13 Second Thursday Board Meeting

21 Program: Film

*main entrance & turn left then down  
- Wayne Frair at Kings College  
(Faculty Lounge)*

February 10 Second Thursday Board Meeting

13 Trip: Tobay Beach

18 Program: ?

*- Pat Holmes's house*

March 10 Second Thursday Board Meeting

18 Program: ?

27 Trip: Bronx Zoo

*- Ed Walton's house*

April 9th Easter

14 Second Thursday Board Meeting

17 Trip: Greenbrook Sanctuary (Alpine, N.J.)

22 Program: Annual Meeting

*Stan Lincoln's house*

May 5 <sup>First</sup> Second Thursday Board Meeting

13 Program (?)

14-15 Trip: Bricantine

21-22 Trip: Three Sanctuaries (Sharon, Taconic, Macedonia)

30 MEMORIAL DAY (Monday)

*- Carl Coggeshall*

June No Program

9th. Second Thursday Board Meeting

17-18-19 Trip: Chincoteague, Va.

*- picnic  
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