

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 1965

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A meeting of the Board of the Directors of Saw Mill River Audubon, Inc. was held on November 11, 1965 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spendelow.

Members present were Willis Messiah, Wayne Frair, Ed Walton, Jim Ritchie, Howard Spendelow, Lester and Catherine Holmes, Kay Anderson, Carol Coggeshall and Kay Koste. In the absence of President Moore, Vice President Messiah presided.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Catherine Holmes showed receipts of \$38.07, disbursement of \$205.69 leading a balance on hand of \$1,585.77 as of October 31.

Let Holmes, membership chairman, reported a total of 348 members.

November Fundraising Meeting. Ed Walton stated the invitations had been sent out and returns were coming in. Kay Anderson has sent complimentary tickets to the trustees of the Village of Pleasantville and also to newspapers, with names of recipients on the tickets to see which ones will attend. Catherine Holmes expresses her appreciation for help given her by Kitty Gaudette, Pauline Boury and Kay Koste in addressing the envelopes since Dot Kenney was away on vacation.

Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Jim Ritchie reported the mowing had been satisfactorily done at a cost of \$170.00. Although the water is not as low as it was at time last year but pretty low, yet he believes the life in the pond will survive. Dr. Alexander, who has been studying the water in the pond, is to speak at our Christmas Tea.

Thurber Sanctuary. Let Holmes announced that Mr. Thurber said he wanted to get some Boy Scout or church group to do something about Thurber Sanctuary. Carol Coggeshall mentioned that someone from the Nature Conservancy had come to the Sanctuary and that perhaps Mr. Constanzia of Mathes Road, Briarcliff, who seemed interested in helping this cause, should be contacted. Mr. Messiah promised to give this some attention and get in touch with him.

Chernick Sanctuary. Ed Walton announced that Art Slater secured maps from Con Edison and ran the line, finding that no one has invaded our property. The line is staked out at nine points. He does not recommend putting in permanent markers but rather that we get wrought iron pipes and paint the tops yellow. There is a 5-foot easement from Perez' property that allows us to walk into the sanctuary. Regarding the right-of-way, Ed said he would ask the town to give him the latest information on it.

Conservation. Carol Coggeshall spoke of the 176 Canada Geese that had been sent from Westchester to Maine. She said they had tried it before by sending some to the Catskills and banding them, to find that many of them returned.

Regarding lands the county is primarily interested in acquiring for parkland, Carol said that there are 715 acres on Buttermilk Hill owned by Gov. Rockefeller, some land in Mt. Pleasant owned by Lawrence Rockefeller, the location being somewhere on the waterfront and 71 additional acres at George's Island.

She also reported that the Federated Conservationists had held a meeting with speakers from various areas, but very few people attended. Atherine Holmes recalled that Lew Bowen had suggested not to pay the dues as yet, although we have voted to pay the \$10.00.

Dr. Frair had given a talk on pollution at a PTA meeting in Pleasantville and Girl Scouts had given out the bulletins. The film "Myles and the Parallels" had been shown.

Publicity Chairman Kaye Anderson reported there was nothing new on highways and that the Mt. Pleasant Planning Board seems to have given up the re-routing of Route 117 and Willis Messiah said people in Ossining have spoken out for it rather than against it. Regarding the property in Thornwood, Kaye said the Parks of Thornwood Committee is still active and the town has mentioned the possibility of getting federal funds to buy this property because the drainage basin is necessary for conservation.

Mr. Messiah announced that Stan Lincoln had run the bulletin and it was expected to be at the printers by November 10.

Wayne Frair recommended for scholarship an Ossining teacher Miss Brooks.

It had been discussed at the last meeting that some gesture of appreciation be made to Bill Fennell. Let Holmes mentioned Bill had said he might want to work on the directory again this year. Some of the suggestions were: a dinner in his honor, a life membership, dedicating a meeting to him and presenting him with a scroll or something appropriate. Ed Walton offered to head up a committee to work on this, assisted by Lew Bowen, Leon Nettleton, and Kay Koste. He will submit a report at the January board meeting.

Howard Spendelow gave an informal talk about his recent trip to Thailand describing the natural wildlife of that country.

Kay Koste gave a report on her activities at the National Convention in Boston and thanked the board for sending her as a delegate.

Willis Messiah thanked the Spendelows for their hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Koste
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of October 1965

<u>BALANCE</u> October 1, 1965		\$ 1753.39
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N. A. S. dues	17.00	
Sale of books	<u>21.07</u>	<u>38.07</u>
		1791.46
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Printing	145.00	
Postage	13.94	
Program	28.00	
Cost of books	13.15	
Benefit	1.18	
Sanctuary	1.60	
Miscellaneous	<u>2.82</u>	<u>205.69</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> October 31, 1965		<u>1585.77</u>

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer