

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 1965

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A meeting of the Board of the Directors of Saw Mill River Audubon, Inc. was held on December 9, 1965 at the home of Kay Koste. Members present were Hugh Moore, Stan Lincoln, Jim Ritchie, Wayne Frair, Howard Bligh, Willis Messiah, Catherin & Lester Holmes, Carol Coggeshall, Mary Forsyth, Kay Anderson, and Kay Koste.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Catherine Holmes, Treasurer, reported receipts of \$946.27, disbursement of \$336.12 leading a balance on hand of \$2,195.92 on November 30, 1965.

President Moore reported that we have paid \$35 to the Federated Conservationists for this year. The Board wishes to thank Lew Bowen for his paying the additional \$25 making the contribution 10¢ per member. We will evaluate this every year. They are trying to set up a workshop to study what problems they want to work on this winter and spring, and want to know what the Audubon Society's wishes are – whether it would be rerouting of Route 87, or the Hudson River, etc. Lester Holmes mentioned keeping an eye on the Camp Fire Club because of the possibility of acquiring it for the National Audubon Society. Howard Bligh moved we accept Lewis's check and motion was carried.

Catherine Holmes reported that a total of \$649.25 had been received through the November benefit meeting. Hugh Moore read a letter from the Mayor of Pleasantville regretting he had not been able to attend.

Membership. Let Holmes announced a total of 348 members.

Hug Moore congratulated Stan Lincoln on his first edition of the bulletin. Stan asked all members to contribute to the bulletin, reminding them it is the organ of our society.

Brinton Brook. Jim Ritchie reported the trails had been cleared in November. Mary Forsyth said she would show the slide at Mrs. Brinton's home since she did not attend the tea. Hugh Moore read a letter from Bob Boyle regarding property under development near Brinton Brook sent to the planning board re: Baltic Estates. Mr. Cohen, a lawyer, wanted to have someone from the Society to go through the sanctuary with him. Bob's proposal is that we appoint Mrs. Robert Thrum, the wife of a Croton village attorney, to our board of directors who would look after our interests. She is very much interested in Brinton Brook.

Thurber Sanctuary. Let Holmes mentioned that Mrs. Ridgeway offered to help on it. Mr. Thurber offered to be co-chairman with her. We are to take a tour of it a week from Sunday to see what can be done.

Chernick Sanctuary. Hugh Moore suggested we get the metal pipes in and keep a close watch on what the draining pipes will mean to us and think about the problem of building relationships with the neighborhood.

Publicity. Kaye Anderson is getting up publicity on the Christmas bird count. She also reported the Parks of Thornwood had another meeting and wrote to the Town Board offering a land swamp for the 7-acre piece. The planning board is now sympathetic, and they will try to keep rejecting the plans of the man who want to build. They also wrote to Rockefeller about their problem.

Conservation. Carol Coggeshall stated the question of Route 87 has been re-opened. The Federal government has told the State to stop land acquisition and there will be further study on it. The Hudson River clean up has been ordered because of the new Water Pollution Act. A schedule has been set up and industry will have to follow it. A booklet called "Stewardship" has been put out by the Nature Conservancy Open Space Action Committee and sells for \$3.00. Hugh asked Carol to order a copy for our files.

Carol Coggeshall suggested we mention on next year's program for the Christmas Tea the order of the presentation and the refreshments. People this year did not know which came first.

Stan Lincoln mentioned that mist nests were not approved by Grierson because of the possibility of birds being injured by twisting in them. Stan will contact people in the Department of Fish and Wildlife to see if they have studied this.

Hugh Moore read letters from Buckheister to some of the fine stores protesting the use of skins of protected wildlife in merchandise.

Hugh thanked the hostess for her hospitality and the meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Koste
Recording Secretary

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.

Financial Statement

For the month of November 1965

<u>BALANCE</u> November 1, 1965		\$ 1585.77
<u>RECEIPTS</u> - N. A. S. dues (2 months)	174.25	
Sale of merchandise	102.77	
Benefit	619.25	
Memorial gift	20.00	
		<u>946.27</u>
		2532.04
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> - Benefit	85.28	
Cost of books	40.49	
Printing	28.25	
Mowing Brinton Brook Sanct..	170.00	
Contrib. to Fed. Con. Watch.	10.00	
Postage	2.10	
		<u>336.12</u>
<u>BALANCE</u> November 30, 1965		<u>2195.92</u>

Catharine D. Holmes
Treasurer