

Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 1966

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A meeting of the Board of the Directors of Saw Mill River Audubon, Inc. was held in the Faculty Lounge at King's College with Dr. Frair as host. Members present were Hugh Moore, Howard Spendelow, Wayne Frair, Jim Ritchie, Bob Boyle, Ed Walton, Willis Messiah, Lester and Catherine Holmes, Carol Coggeshall, Mary Forsyth, Kaye Anderson, and Kay Koste.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$2,011.98 as of December 30, 1965.

Membership report was 351 members.

Conservation Report. Carol Coggeshall reported that the Bald Eagle and the Osprey are now included in the Forest Service Wild Life Program. On Storm King Highway much more work is research must be don on fish and natural beauty. From Ford Foundation, 1.5 million has gone to the Save the Redwoods League. There is a piece of property in Yorktown that was given to Lafayette University, and this is for sale by Lafayette. There is 150 acres on Crow Hill Road and Carol asked for volunteers to go over the land with her.

Possibilities for action by the Federated Conservationists of Westchester are: (1) Relocation of Hutchinson Parkway near Mill Road which will be investigated, (2) A Constitutional Convention to be held and the state constitution to be reviewed. Regarding the "forever wild" clause, anything done to a forest preserve must be done by amendment by the constitution. There are to be 15 delegates at large and 3 from each Senatorial District. The Federation can get a list of names of possible candidates and try to get those names on the primary slate.

Chernick Sanctuary. Carol reported there is a man who will retired after 1966 who would like to give some money before he retires. Ed Walton has talked wot the Recreation Committee and they want Audubon to have more land rather than make it a public park with picnic tables, etc. When a public meeting is announced, we can go and bid on the 2/3 acre available.

Brinton Brook. Bob Boyle mentioned that the Village of Croton is voting down the 90-acre development proposal near Brinton. The 40-acre tract near Cortland is being developed as a senior citizen housing development and a commercial shopping center and will be 800 or 900 feet with the sanctuary with a 200-foot buffer zone. Mary Forsyth proposed we make some changes on our front sign at Brinton and bring it up to date.

Thurber Sanctuary. Hugh Moore said he had talked to Mrs. Ridgeway, but nothing has been done yet because of the weather.

Publicity. Kay Anderson showed us the write-up on the Christmas Bird County in the Patent Trader.

Ed Walton reported that he had talked with Bill Fennell regarding some recognition to be made and will have a further report at the next meeting.

Hugh Moore thanked Dr. Frair for his hospitality and the meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted, Kay Koste, Recording Secretary