

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Chairmen  
of Standing Committees.  
February 10, 1966.

A meeting of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Holmes. Members present were; Hugh Moore, Willis Messiah, Harold Bligh, Howard Spindelov, Jim Ritchie, Art Spear, Ed Walton, Lester and Catherine Holmes, Mary Forsythe, Carol Coggeshall, Kaye Anderson, and Kay Koste.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$2,136.06 as of January

31. Membership Chairman Holmes reported a total of 353 members.

Program Chairman Spear announced we still need a place for the Camera Club meeting in May. It was decided we change the date of the Annual Meeting from April 12 to April 1, and have the dinner for Bill Fennell the same night, along with membership participation for the program. Ed Walton has been planning the

dinner and said we have 20 charter members still on from the original list of 40. He is still looking into places for the dinner, and will get Carl Buckheister to write a letter to Kaye and Eds whatever the society decides to give to the former Gould Estate) had sent word they would welcome people there for bird walks. Kaye also announced the wild life population is the lowest in 12 years, mallards being the only species that is not down.

Brinton Brook: Jim Ritchie said there was no report on the sanctuary itself, but said he'd had a request from the Apalachian Mountain Club to be escorted on a tour on June 11. sign at the entrance to the sanctuary, it was decided the Brinton Brook Committee would come to the next meeting with a firm quotation s to the cost of fixing the sign.

Chernick: Ed Walton stated we cannot do anything on the property until April. Lester Holmes had a promise of metal pipes for the sanctuary. Carol Coggeshall thought we should be prepared to finance it when the chance to bid on the property came up. The man she knows is still interested in buying some land there, and the Board encouraged her to handle it as tactfully as she sees fit.

Scholarships: The National Audubon office has mailed us some camp folders and Hugh Moore will get them to Stan Lincoln.

Regarding Eunice Ditterline attending, we will have to get special dispensation for sending anyone under 18, and Catherine Holmes agreed to talk to Bill Fennell about this. Stan wants to send out applications within the next 2 weeks and is not in favor of applicants donating part of the fee. He feels screening is more important.

*\* Question of patent reading to families of Board members  
\* see correction to minutes at meeting of March 10, 1966.*

Conservation: Carol Coggeshall reported the Open Spaces Program for the West Coast has put out a new booklet.

The Wild Rivers Bill has been passed by the Senate but the House is not so much in favor.

There is a new pesticides monitoring program in effect that will study people as well as animals, birds, etc. This will combine many Federal agencies.

The State has now come out with a program for the Hudson River, New York, - 9 New Jersey, and the Federal Government each having three members. The project calls for urging municipalities along the river to do what they think is right.

On the State Conservation Constitution revision. Hugh Moore reported that Mrs. Reis has people who have attended meetings and are forming a temporary committee to guide local groups on how best to support this constitution. The primary will be held in June and the election in November. Art Spear made a motion, seconded by Ed Walton that we put aside \$25.00 to support this program. Motion was carried.

The legal battle on the Con Edison story is still going on and the Scenic Hudson Committee is very active. Lester Holmes made a motion, seconded by Jim Ritchie that we send them \$10.00. Motion was carried.

Kay Koste asked to be relieved of her duties as recording secretary because her impending marriage, and Willis Messiah offered to fill in for the balance of the Spring season.

President Moore announced the following committees as required by our constitution:

Auditing- Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Vaninni.

Nominating- Mrs. H. Townsend Laire, Mr. Eugene Jack Anderson, Miss Dorothy Kenney

Budget- Chairman of the Board Leon D. Nettleton, Vice President Messiah, and one member at large who is not an officer, Grace Messiah.

All committees were approved and each committee chairman is requested to make a report on their expected needs.

Catharine Holmes showed a book, "Bird Watcher's Anthology", which will be raffled off at the Camera Club Meeting at .50¢ a chance or three for \$1.00.

May Forsyth has received an invitation to attend the Governor's Conference on natural beauty at the Hilton in New York on February 25.

The Federated Conservationists of Westchester will have an all day seminar shortly with representatives from all 14 groups that have joined to date.

Hugh Moore thanked the Holmes for their hospitality and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted

Kay Koste  
Recording Secretary