

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

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

The Officers, Directors and Chairmen of Standing Committees met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Walton, President Moore presiding. Present were Messrs. Hugh Moore, Willis Messiah, Ray Youmans, Let Holmes, Ed Walton, Wayne Frair, Ezra Ditterline, James Ritchie, Howard Spendelow and Stan Lincoln, and Mesdames Catharine Holmes, Kaye Anderson, Mary Forsyth, and Carol Coggeshall.

The Secretary's report of the February 10th meeting was read by Willis Messiah. A correction to the minutes was noted as follows; Bill Fennell investigated the law and its application to relatives of board members attending camp under the financial auspices of the organization, and not to grant special dispensation as reported. The report was approved with this correction.

The Treasurer's report given by Catharine Holmes indicated a total bank balance as of February 28, 1966 in the amount of \$2,119.15.

Ed Walton reported on the progress of arrangements for the dinner for Bill Fennell April 1st. The guest list is planned to include past and present officers and directors. Present indications are this would amount to 37 persons. The location is to be The Colonial Inn at Hawthorne. A dinner including appetizer, fish or meat and dessert would cost \$4.00 plus 15% for tips. The price agreed on was \$5.00 per person. Reservations are to be made with Leon Nettleton by March 15. Time of dinner is 6:30 PM, with the regular meeting at Roselle Ave. School at 8:30. Lew Bowen will act as Master of Ceremonies with Leon Nettleton as alternate. A discussion was held as to whether the volume presented in appreciation to Bill Fennell should be financed by the treasury. A motion presented by Let Holmes and seconded by Ed Walton was carried by a vote of 10 to 2.

Ray Youmans, historian of the society offered some suggestions for the future. He has agreed to accept renomination for the office of historian with an option to resign after he has written the history to date. At which time a new historian would be appointed. He also suggested that a place be found to store the Scrap books for safe keeping.

Mary Forsyth reported on her attendance at the Governors' Conference on Conservation. The Conference was vast in scope with over 1000 people present and 12 panels of discussion covering everything from rivers to Federal-State relations, Time permitted only attendance at three panels and Mary chose 1) Hudson Valley, which had Congressman Ottinger, Watson Pomeroy and Lloyd Garrison among the participants; 2) Air Pollution which included Frank Field, Alex Rims and Edward Teller, and 3) State and County Parks. This panel had Duryea Morton, Charles Pound and Messrs. Kilbourne and Shaffer. The presence of so much brass allowed little time for ordinary people participation. Gov. Rockefeller urged people to write in their comments to the conference.

A referendum is required to launch the program which would be primarily a recreation bond issue of \$200,000,000. In effect a 25% matching sum by municipalities to all existing federal grants.

Brinton Brook: An estimate on the cost of a new sign remains to be given to the Board. The question of an available telephone number was

discussed. The Brinton Brook Committee is to offer suggestions at the next meeting.

The Warden's report was good. Only two people were warned, indicating people are aware the sanctuary is patrolled. A deer was reported shot outside the property and two poachers were fined \$220.00 each.

Chernick: Stakes have been driven along the existing ones. Additional stakes are needed. As a result of the survey the property is almost entirely located in bog land. New trails are needed. Ed Ditterline will try to enlist the aid of boy scouts.

Scholarships: Stan Lincoln reported all publicity has been released. At the present time only Eunice Ditterline's application has been received. There will be no limitation on the distance of residence of the applicant. The Bulletin will not be out in time to make the April 1 meeting announcement.

Conservation: Among the news presented by Carol Coggeshall was an inter-esting by a group of boy scouts on Briarcliff Park Land. President Johnson's message on conservation was commented on favorably. The route 117 spur continues to move ahead despite opposing efforts. Rep Zaroski appears to have knuckled under 100%.

National Audubon opposes legislation in the senate which declares the Mourning Dove a game bird rather than a song bird. National asks for support of their stand. We will ask for information from the Ornithologist Laboratory on status of the dove before taking a stand.

The President's bill on the California Redwoods asks for smaller stands and permits logging.

Municipalities throughout the State are cooperating with the programs established for pollution control

The conservation committee will look at 150 acres of property in Mount Kisco on April 3. It belongs to Lafayette University which wishes to sell all or part of it

General: A motion was introduced to expend the sum of \$29.00 to Aerial Printing Co. for 500 maps. Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was introduced and passed unanimously to adopt the budget for 1966-67.

Total membership in the society stands at 359.

Stan Lincoln was chosen as delegate to the New York Federation of Bird Clubs convention at Long Beach L.I. May 22.

The Westchester Mental Health Commission has sent a request for a program for convalescents.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lincoln April 14. A vote of thanks was given to the Waltons for their hospitality.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18.

Respectfully submitted

Recording Secretary Pro Tempore