

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. Lincoln. Present were Messrs. Lincoln, Ritchie, Ditterline, Osborn, Walton and Messiah and Mrs. Coggeshall.

The minutes of the March 10th meeting were read. Mrs. Coggeshall clarified the report on the mourning dove legislation in New York State.

National Audubon has stated that the dove is not endangered in the United States as a whole, but stated that it had not studied the status of the dove in any one area. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report for March 1966 was read and placed on file.

The audited annual report was also placed on file.

Mr. Ritchie presented his resignation as a member of the Board of Directors because he will be moving away. The resignation was accepted with regret and appreciation for his past services.

B/inton BROOK

Mr. Fennell has brought a purple martin house from the John Burroughs home and asked if it could be used at B/inton Brook. The Brinton Brook policy is not to introduce new structures or changes in the sanctuary and therefore this matter will be referred to the Brinton Brook Committee. The President agreed to notify Mr. Fennell of this action. Mr. Ditterline said that the house could be used at Chernick Sanctuary if it is not used at Brinton Brook. The sign at Brinton Brook has not yet been changed and it is hoped that a report on this can be given at the next meeting.

CHERNICK

Mr. Ditterline reported progress on the trails: several boys from Boy Scout Troop 81, Pleasantville are working on salvaging logs and re-laying trails. Several pipes have been put in on the newly surveyed line, as well as additional stakes. Mr. Walton agreed to check with Mr. Slater, the surveyor on our copy of the survey.

CONSERVATION

Mrs. Coggeshall reported that she had received a complaint about fill and trees being dumped into Echo Lake due to the construction of the new road. After investigation, a visit was made to the headquarters of the East Hudson Parkway Authority. The engineer in charge stated that the specifications do not call for fill in the lake at this time and he agreed to check on this. However, he also stated that after this year Echo Lake Park will be abandoned as the end of the lake will be filled in for the construction of Route 100.

It has been announced that Route 87 will be build along the Chestnut Ridge route and that Helen Frick, donor of Westmoreland Sanctuary has stated that the land will revert to her now.

Scenic Hudson Preservation Conference has announced that Con Ed. will take the Storm King case to the Supreme Court. The Federal Power Commission has set a date for a hearing, October 17, 1966. This delay will present a financial burden on the limited resources of Scenic Hudson.

It was agreed

It was agreed that SMRAS should review its past contributions and consider further support.

The Senate Commerce Committee has announced hearings on underground power lines bills introduced by Representative Ottinger on May 4, 5, and 6.

Representative Ottinger has sponsored a measure to protect the Hudson River while an Interstate Hudson Commission is being formed.

A study team under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. Burr of the University of Michigan has advised against the building of the Rampart Dam in Alaska. The reservoir would flood about 8 million acres and take 30 years to fill.

Plans for the "Colorado River Basin Project Act" seem to be advancing in spite of opposition to the Bridge Canyon and Marble Canyon dams.

Additional legislation has been introduced on the Redwoods National Park.

Mr. Osborn asked about the stand of SMRAS on the proposed Hudson River Expressway and Route 117 spur. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting when more board members are present.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership now stands at 362.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Lincoln announced that he had received 8 applications. The following were recommended after some discussion: Eunice Ditterline, Audubon Junior Club leader, Mrs. Mildred Brooks, biology teacher in Ossining, Sally Brown, counselor at Camp Sloane, recommended by the WMCA, and Mrs. Joan Secord of Croton. Mr. Lincoln said that he was still checking on the Chappaqua Garden Group contribution to see if they had anyone to recommend from the Chappaqua school. Mr. Lincoln reported that he is trying to build up a file on members for use in compiling the bulletin.

A letter was read from Bill Fennell expressing his thanks and appreciation for the book and recognition he received at the April 1st dinner and meeting. Mr. Moore requested that he be permitted to purchase a mounted plaque for presentation to the winner at the Camera Club program. A motion was made and passed that Mr. Moore be authorized to spend up to \$12 on the award.

It was agreed to ask the program chairman to consider whether we should give a contribution to Harold Simmons, who presents the Camera Club program.

The question of future leadership for the Junior Club now led by Eunice Ditterline was raised. Eunice will be away at college next year.

The Board authorized the signing of checks by either Mr. Messiah, President, or Mrs. Holmes, Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Coggeshall
Sec. Pro-tem