

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Officers, Board of Directors,
and Chairmen of Standing Committees

September 8, 1966

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Messiah.

PRESENT were Mesdames Anderson, Coggeshall, and Spendelow, and Messrs. Lincoln, Messiah, Osborn, and Spendelow.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Willis Messiah, at 8:45 p.m. Resumes of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, and of the special meeting of June 24 were read and approved.

The TREASURER'S REPORT showed a balance on hand of \$2,196.98 as of August 31. MEMBERSHIP now stands at 367 members.

Mr. Messiah reported that the Saw Mill River Audubon Society is now the owner of 16 acres of land deeded to it by Dr. and Mrs. Morgan F. Pruyn. Mr. Messiah reviewed the events and correspondence leading up to the conveying of the property to Smras and also the providing of funds up to \$500 a year for maintenance of new sanctuary so created. A name must be found for the sanctuary, and an announce-ment of its acquisition by Smras will be made following the return from travel of Dr. and Mrs. Pruyn on October 13. A committee for the sanctuary was set up to include Dr. and Mrs. Pruyn, President Messiah, Mrs. Coggeshall, Mr. Nettleton, and Mr. Spendelow.

CONSERVATION: Mrs. Coggeshall reported that the Hudson River Bill was moving along at a great rate, and that it looked like it would go through. Mr. Ottinger's bill for an appropriation for study of underground power lines was passed. A bill to give financial incentives to corporations to put their power lines underground was not passed.

Mr. Spindel reported on correspondence with Congressman Reid and Senators Javitts and Kennedy concerning the proposed Bridge Canyon and Marble Canyon Dams on the Colorado. Mr. Javitts was non-committal. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Reid were against the building of the dams. Amendments will probably be proposed to delete the dams from the bill when it comes up for floor debate.

BRINTON BROOK: A wood sign has been commissioned, but has not been erected yet. Certain bottles on the pond are not garbage, but are markers for a research project.

CHERNICK: Mr. Osborn reported that Boy Scouts would be working September 24 to establish a corduroy path in the sanctuary, and he asked for Smras volunteers to work there also.

THURBER: Mrs. Ridgeway has been ill and unable to attend meetings. The drainage problem at the sanctuary was corrected by Mr. Ridgeway. Mrs. Coggeshall suggested that Smras undertake more work at the sanctuary, such as erecting signs and opening up a trail.

PROGRAM: Mr. Messiah reported on program changes for Dr. Bligh. Additions to the schedule of field trips were also noted.

Suggestions were made for the drawing into more active participation on the various committees of more of the membership of Smras.

A letter from Hugh Moore reported the offer of a gift to the society of 10 acres of cleared land along the Taconic. It was suggested that the offer be referred to the Open Space Action

The matter of dues of \$37 ^{by} ~~Committee~~ the Federated Conservationists was tabled, as Smras had paid dues last November, ^{*}(and should not have to pay again before the end of the year.)^{*} *Corrected, 10/13/66, "read" - but the exact period covered was still to be determined.*

An inquiry in to the facts concerning a possible widening of the Bronx River Parkway is to be made.

Inquiries concerning the offering of nature lecture programs are to be referred to Mrs. ^{H. Townsend} ~~J. M. L.~~ Laire.

The meeting was adjourned a little after 10.40.

Respectfully
submitted

Ruth Spindel