

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

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

November 10, 1966

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Anderson.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the previous meeting of October 13 were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial statement for the month of October was read by Mrs. Holmes and placed on file. It reported a balance of \$1,961.07 on hand as of the 31st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising - Mr. Messiah reported for Chairman Walton that 340 letters had been mailed out to members. 18 remittances had been received totaling \$126 to date. Mrs. Coyle will sell cards and stationery at the November 18th evening program. The discount on some articles has been reduced from the usual 38% to 20 to 25%. The fee for Briarcliff High School Auditorium will be \$15 for the evening. Mr. Messiah will check with Dr. Bligh about the projector, screen, and fee.

Conservation - Regarding pollution control, an amendment to the Water Qualities Act^A makes it possible for standards to be set for water qualities in interstate waters. By June 30, 1967, the federal government can step in, if states haven't.

A meeting concerning the Con Edison Storm King project has been set for Monday, November 14, at 10 a.m. at the Park Sheraton in New York.

Membership - Mr. Holmes reported that the membership total stood at 365.

*Correction of minutes - 12/8/66 - "Regarding pollution control, the Water Qualities Act, an amendment to the Water Pollution Control Act, makes it possible"

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Brinton Brook Sanctuary - Mr. Messiah has been in touch with Mr. Boyle, whose opinion is that the society should not go to the \$150 expense of hiring a game warden during hunting season. The neighbors, who have been taking a real interest in the sanctuary, report that there have been no hunters there. There are also many neighbors willing to work on the sanctuary committee, but as yet there is no chairman. There was some discussion about repairs to the dam and possible dredging of the pond. Mrs. Holmes suggested asking Mr. Ridgeway about possible solutions to the engineering problems, and asking Mr. Thurber for help, possibly to supply clay and the use of heavy equipment.

hernick - Mr. Osborn announced that scouts from a Briarcliff troop worked at the sanctuary on October 15. Mr. Messiah had written a letter of thanks to the troop leader for previous work done there, and it was suggested by Mr. Holmes that Mr. Anderson be asked to write thanks for the work done on the 15th, as Mr. Messiah had numerous other duties. Mr. Osborn also stated that on October 29, Mr. Moore, Mr. Ditterline, Mr. Anderson, *Michael Pullano,* and *Richard Del Prete* had put up "No Hunting" signs. An offer had been made to Mr. Anderson by some Dobbs Ferry scouts to work up at the sanctuary in exchange for a campout.

New Sanctuary - A committee meeting for Sunday afternoon, November 20, at 3 p.m. at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fruyn was being arranged.

Miscellaneous - Annual Dinner - Mr. Lincoln was authorized as delegate to the Annual Dinner of the National Audubon Society, being held on Wednesday, December 7, at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York. Dr. Peterson is to be the speaker, and will show films

on the Galapagos Islands.

Christmas Tea - It was announced that Christmas Tea program was all arranged, the hall reserved, and that Miss Scholermann was in charge of the refreshments. It was decided to have the refreshments following the movies, and a note to this effect placed in the announcement. Mrs. Anderson offered to take charge of providing name cards for members at the tea.

Mrs. Holmes made a motion to purchase two volumes of the Audubon Prints for the new Pleasantville Library as a gift from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Spindelow and passed unanimously.

Society Records - Mr. Ray Youmans, Historian, would like to find a permanent home for the society's records, - minutes and scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, etc. - dating from 1953. A suggestion was made to contact Mr. Hoch Reid concerning the availability of a room or filing cabinet space in the new Pleasantville Library. Mr. Holmes proposed a temporary home in Mrs. Holmes' front hall.

The matter of paying dues to the Federated Conservationists was discussed. Mrs. Coggeshall suggested that we could give a contribution of a specific amount instead of paying dues. Mr. Lincoln felt we should continue support of the group for another year at least, and reevaluate it next year. His motion to pay dues for the year to the Federated Conservationists was seconded by Mrs. Coggeshall, and passed with one dissenting vote.

Other miscellaneous matters under discussion were consideration of members for committees and the problem of obtaining new chairmen for the Brinton Brook Committee and the Scholarship Committee.

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Mr. Lincoln suggested that bulletins from other Audubon groups might be helpful with suggestions for committees. Mr. Lincoln also distributed more forms for the bird census work being done by members.

President Willis Messiah adjourned the meeting at 10:24, with thanks to Mrs. Anderson for her kind hospitality.

Respectfully submitted

Ruth Spenselow

Recording Secretary