

November 9, 1967

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sawmill River Audubon Society Inc. was held on November 9 at the home of Carol Coggeshall. Members present were Messrs. Lincoln, Ditterline, Kayser, Messiah, Holmes and Osborn, and Mesdames Coggeshall, Ridgeway, Miller, Holmes, Anderson and Koste.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of October 31 of \$3,453.02. Mrs. Holmes announced that letters of acknowledgment have been received from the Fennell family and from the John Burroughs Society for our donation.

Membership: Mr. Holmes announced a total of 401 members.

Conservation: A letter has been received from Warren McKeon of the State Conservation Department stating that they have been working with the engineers on the Route 117 construction and have recommended that the re-channeling of the Pocantico River be done in a way as to make it as natural as possible and that his department will continue to keep this project under surveillance.

A letter has been received from the Department of the Interior stating that discussions have been held with New York and New Jersey regarding a compact for the Hudson River.

It seems probable that lack of funding by Congress will cut back on the land acquisition originally planned by the Wetlands Act of 1961.

The Federated Conservationists asked representatives of SMRAS to attend a meeting to plan for an in-service program planned by BOCES for teaching conservation to teachers. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Coggeshall attended and presented information about SMRAS and its resources and educational programs, etc.

A call from Bob Boyle suggested that for our next bulletin we write up a report on the Calder property in Armonk and Dr. Alexander will be working there. Mrs. Coggeshall and Mrs. Anderson will work on it.

A letter had been written to the papers stating that our society opposed the bond issue, but had not been published in all of them, only one paper had it in.

Ed Ditterline had attended a meeting of the Bird Banding committee, where Wm. L. French spoke on shore bird habitat. The government is interested in getting nesting areas for shore birds because so much land is being destroyed by housing projects.

Brinton Brook - Catherine Holmes reported the mowing had been done and paid for at \$180.00, and that signs have been put up.

Gedney Brook - Mr. Kayser reported they intend to put up the sign before the winter. Mr. Lincoln otherand Mr. Ditterline have doing more bird banding. been

Chernick - No report.

Thurber - Mrs. Ridgeway reported that Jerry Frettoloso, the Boy Scout from Hawthorne working for Eagle, has been authorized to work on his project at Thurber.

Junior Audubon - Mrs. Holmes announced there were 7 Jr. clubs in 5 different communities. Mrs. Ridgeway reported that Mrs. Redmond's Cub Scouts in Tarrytown plan to form a Junior Audubon Club this fall to study the Mammal program.

Directory - Mr. Messiah and Mr. Nettleton have been working on the new directory and hope to have it finished by the first part of December. They plan to devote one page of it to Mr. Fennell and dedicate the issue to him.

Long Range Planning - Mr. Messiah reported he still did not have a replacement for Ed Walton. Mr. Lincoln reported that he, Mr. Moore and Mr. Ditterline had met and taken two specific actions: (1) They are now in the process of contacting Nature Conservancy to review the situation at Thurber, and had talked with Mr. Dan Smiley, who is the man most likely to be sent to study this with us. (2) They decided to follow up on Mr. Anderson's suggestion that Duryea Morton would be the man most qualified to spend a day with us and evaluate our whole sanctuary program. The Committee does not expect to meet the commitment of their December report. Also, they thought it best to get the November program out of the way before they start working on a publicity angle for the endowment fund. Regarding the residency at the sanctuaries, Mr. Messiah had talked to Scott Deerolf who said he would think about it. Mr. Bradley, retired from Greenwich, was mentioned as another possibility.

Mrs. Geiffert's report on the National Convention will be in the next issue of the bulletin. Mr. Lincoln stated they are trying a new publisher for the bulletin, and hope to have it out soon.

Miscellaneous - Jackie Coyle had been asked about selling at the November stationery and December meetings. Hugh Moore has fruit cakes. ordered the

Mrs. Holmes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ditterline, that Leon Nettleton be appointed to look into the possibilities of the old Pleasantville Library being used as a central meeting place and a place to store our records. Mr. Youmans is the custodian of the records now, and Stan Lincoln promised to look into the possibility and costs of reproducing them on microfilm as a general safeguard.

Mrs. Koste was delegated to attend the National Audubon dinner in New York, since neither Mr. Messiah nor Mr. Lincoln were able to go.

Christmas Tea - It was reported that Harold Bligh has arranged to have two films from the Sierra Club.

The Christmas Bird Count will be held on Saturday, Dec. 30 with the usual meeting place.

Mr. Ditterline mentioned it would be a good idea to move some of our programs so we could catch the college crowd at some of them during their vacations.

Mrs. Holmes said she had 15 copies of George Porter's book and asked for reservations for them.

The following resolution will be adopted as part of the minutes of this meeting:

Resolved:

The Sawmill River Audubon Society Inc., pauses to pay tribute to William G. Fennell, founder, first president, counsellor and friend.

Endowed with dedication which had to be admired; leadership which inspired; kindness which disarmed; unselfishness which warmed many hearts and vision which provided perspective, Bill Fennell's value is easy to assess.

These qualities collectively engendered for all of us an unmatched legacy which will endure as a permanent monument to this man we were fortunate to have with us.

Willis J. Messiah, President  
Catherine Koste, Secretary

With thanks to Mrs. Coggeshall for her hospitality, the meeting adjourned at 10:20. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Koste on Dec. 14.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Recording Secretary

SAMILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, Inc.  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN TRIBUTE TO

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Adopted as part of minutes of meeting held  
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Kay,  
Please excuse my misspelling  
your name.

This is the resolution and as you may notice it is pretty much your composition with a bit of embellishment. It still does not sound right to me. At any rate this is what Stan will put in the bulletin. I have sent him a copy.  
Thanks for the help Willis

JUNIOR AUDUBON CLUB

Mrs. J. K. Redmond's North Tarrytown Cub Scouts have decided to form a Junior Audubon Club this fall, and will study the Mammal Program. Materials have been sent for to Miss Shirley Miller at National. They have had a nature walk in a wooded area near our home, and we discussed how they can carry out some Conservation projects such as piling brush for shelter, feeding birds and mammals, providing water and in the warm months to provide a place for birds to take dust baths. We talked about the flowers and plants that are protected, and how seeds are carried to new areas. Last year some of these boys studied the Bird Program, so they thought they would enjoy the mammals this year.

TOMMY THURBER SANCTUARY

Jerry Frettoloso, 180 Manhattan AVENUE, Hawthorne, N.Y. 10532 reports to us that his Scoutmaster was not able to visit the Sanctuary until this past Sunday, when he gave his approval of Jerry's plans for his Eagle Scout requirements. Jerry will then begin his project this coming Sunday, November 12th, 1967. I have mailed him a letter authorizing him to proceed, which he may show to anyone questioning his work at the Sanctuary.

Bessie M. B. Ridgeway