

June 13, 1968

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS was held on June 13 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spendelow.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Attendees were Messrs. Spendelow, Haas, Kayser, Osborn, Ridgeway, Holmes and Lincoln and Mesdames Ridgeway, Curnen, Anderson, Coggeshall Holmes and Koste.

Treasurer's report will be forwarded.

Mrs. Holmes also announced she had done a great deal of business in books. She also mentioned we will have to pay the school tax on the Benedict property this year, but that definitely will be the last.

Old Business: Mr. Lincoln read resolutions acknowledging the significant contributions to the Society by the Spendelows and the Ditterlines, and announced the awarding of Audubon scholarships to Peter and Jeff Spendelow.

Mr. Lincoln read the policy statement drawn up by Lester Holmes and his committee regarding the obligations of our society to join other groups as members. Copy of policy is attached to these minutes.

Discussion ensued and minor changes made, and policy was adopted after motion made by Mr. Ridgeway and seconded by Mr. Osborn.

Mr. Nichols has agreed to turn over his property in Armonk to the Nature Conservancy under his terms and conditions.

Mr. Lincoln brought up the discussion of several months ago as to whether one of our speakers at a program, namely, Mr. Engelbrechtson, had been adequately compensated, and that Leon Nettleton wanted to extend to him a subscription to SKY AND TELESCOPE . Discussion followed as to the need of a policy to acknowledge this sort of thing immediately after any programs. Mrs. Ridgeway made a motion, seconded by Mr. Osborn, that our treasurer send a two year subscription to Mr. Engelbrechtson in recognition of his putting on this program.

New Business: Mr. Lincoln announced the following appointments:

Grace Messiah, Scholarship Program. Thelma Smith, Editorial responsibility for the Bulletin. Mary Curnen, Education Chairman. He is still looking for a Program Co-chairman, Social Director and Directory Chairman.

Membership: Mr. Holmes announced a total of 414 members.

He read a letter from a nursing home in Purdys asking us to help with Audubon entertainment, and will follow up on getting a program of slides together.

Mr. Lincoln announced the Executive Committee for the summer will consist of Dave Kayser, Stan Lincoln, Bob Ridgeway, Kay Koste, Catherine and Let Holmes and Will Osborn. Kaye Anderson made a motion seconded by Let Holmes that this committee be accepted.

The business of a part-time naturalist may come up. Mr. Lincoln said Mr. Bradley has not worked out because he is going to spend another year at school. Mr. Alexander was suggested as well qualified.

Brinton Brook - Mr. Haas showed new signs which will be put up this summer. He also thought we should hire a game warden or someone who will patrol during the hunting season, which would require a money appropriation. Mr. Ridgeway made a motion seconded by Kaye Anderson that the committee be authorized to hire a game warden for the entire season at a cost of \$150 without further board action, and more if necessary with the consent of the Board. Motion was carried.

Mr. Lincoln asked that each committee chairman give their thoughts on expenditures coming up for the year and give their suggestions and estimates to the budget committee. Mr. Haas agreed to go up and cut the grass if it is badly needed.

There was some discussion on dismantling of the picnic table at Split Rock to discourage picnics there.

Mr. Holmes said the insurance of \$300 on the cabin has been paid and may have been filed showing that we have the right of way, and that National Audubon must have the deed.

Mrs. Buchanan has asked if we would be interested in joining with a group at the Presbyterian Church in North White Plains in one of our meetings next year for a dinner and showing the program that will be put on by Mr. and Mrs. Powell. After some consideration, Mr. Lincoln proposed we plan the meeting at Westlake and notify them to come after their dinner. The Board felt a dinner meeting at some time for our own membership would be more acceptable.

Conservation: Mrs. Coggeshall reported the Hudson River Valley Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Hudson River Expressway on June 20, 7:30 P.M. at the Sleepy Hollow High School, North Tarrytown. The Commission does not have the power to prevent any project it reviews, but can make recommendations to the sponsor of any project. It must make a report within 30 days of the hearing. She recommended that SMRAS make a statement similar to the one presented at the Department of Transportation Hearing.

She has been asked to go with representatives of several groups in Westchester to talk with Mr. Eschweiler, acting Commissioner of Planning, to discuss with him some of the environmental factors which we feel are important in overall planning. Other groups are the Road Review League and the Federated Conservationists of Westchester.

The Annual Meeting of the Federated Conservationists of Westchester was held on June 10. There was considerable discussion as to how the group can be a more effective coordinating agency and how more groups can be involved in positions taken by the group.

Mrs. Coggeshall was asked to serve on the steering committee for the Next Decade Conference for Westchester which will be held by the Hudson River Valley Commission. These conferences are being held in every county along the river. It will be held either in July or September. The aim

is to get opinions from residents and groups in the area to assist the Commission in developing its master plan for the river and surrounding land.

SMRAS has been asked to write a letter to the New Castle Town Board supporting the establishment of a Conservation Advisory Council. A committee of interested people has been working on this and wants support from other groups.

A public meeting was held in Scarborough on June 12 on "The Nuclear Threat in Greater New York" sponsored by the Anti-Pollution League and the Friends of the Hudson.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Agency will hold a public meeting on July 23 at the Rockefeller Institute in N. Y., 9:30 A.M. and also an evening session, on pollution problems in our nation's estuaries. This meeting is part of a comprehensive study authorized by the Clean Waters Restoration Act of 1966. The act provides that the study be made in cooperation with interested groups. National Audubon is listed and probably will present a statement.

There will be a geology field trip on June 22 in Scarsdale to study water sheds, etc.

Mr. Osborn presented five or six drawings of insignias that could be worn as arm bands by the society. Mr. Lincoln suggested we table this for the summer.

Mr. Lincoln read a letter from Mr. Callison regarding the Land and Water Conservation fund.

We have also been asked to help on a study of where great blue herons are nesting.

With thanks to the Spindelows for their hospitality, meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Recording Secretary

June 13, 1968

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spendelow, Jr., Jeff and Peter:

Resolution by the Board of Directors of the  
Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc.  
adopted on June 13, 1968.

It is resolved that the Board of Directors of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. hereby extends and expresses its deep thanks and sincere appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spendelow, Jr., and to Jeff and Peter Spendelow for their many contributions to the Society.

We recall your services as officers, directors, committee chairmen and program participants, and especially your initiative, industry, and originality in the development and leadership of Gedney Brook Sanctuary. The foundation which you have created presents us with a rich challenge for the future.

Of great significance, too, is the inspiration of seeing two promising young men apt and skilled in the out-of-doors, great potential contributors to the cause of conservation in their adult life. It is with pleasure that, in recognition of their contributions, we do hereby extend to both Jeff and Peter scholarships to Summer Audubon Camps to be used at their convenience.

We wish you all continued happiness, success, and enjoyable contributions in your future communities.

Stanley R. Lincoln  
President

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A. Education

- 1 Professional training in one or more of the following fields, preferably with related study in others: botany, entomology, ornithology, zoology.
- 2 Background relating these fields to conservation and ecology.
- 3 Needed: teaching experience and skills with adolescents and pre-adolescent boys and girls.  
Desirable: similar experience with adults.

B. Duties

- 1 Organize and direct a program of wildlife instruction, most of it out of doors, for the benefit of our Society's Junior Audubon Club members in cooperation with the present clubs' adult leaders.
- 2 Conduct field trips, with assistance of the Education Chairman and Junior Club leaders, for these young people in small groups, and train assistant leaders as needed for such assistance.
- 3 Conduct adult field trips as needed.
- 4 Advise sanctuary chairmen and group leaders regarding their work conducting tours.
- 5 Recommend specific features of all our sanctuaries as to trails, markings, cataloging, and identifiable species of trees & shrubs, wild flowers, mosses, ferns, fish, birds and animals so far as feasible.
- 6 Study and recommend to our Society desirable conservation policies and activities to effect the greatest possible benefits from all our sanctuaries.
- 7 Foster good relations between Gedney Brook neighbors and Society & its activities.

C. Time schedule and compensation

- 1 Naturalist would serve for a 60-day year.
- 2 Compensation would be a total of \$1500, \$50 for each 6-8 hour day, this sum to include personal expense such as travel, exact hours and days of the week to be arranged according to needs of groups being instructed.
- 3 Expense of needed materials for naturalist's work or classes would be borne by the Society in addition to the above-mentioned salary.

D. Policies

- 1 The naturalist's headquarters would be at Gedney Brook sanctuary, with duties as requested on a consultative basis for Brinton Brook, Chernick or Tommy Barber Memorial sanctuaries.
- 2 The Society would provide or arrange for needed equipment and labor for manual duties.
- 3 The naturalist and others on field trips would be covered by liability insurance purchased by the Society.