

October 10, 1968

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sawmill River Audubon Society, Inc. was held on Thursday evening, Oct. 10 at the home of Mrs. Mary Curnen. Members present were Messrs. Ridgeway, Holmes, Messiah, Lober, Lincoln, Haas, Nettleton and Kayser, and Mesdames Ridgeway, Curnen, Holmes, Messiah, Koste, Anderson and Coggeshall.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of Sept. 30 of \$4103.87 and in the Sanctuary Endowment Fund a balance of \$1821.92.

Mr. Lincoln announced that from 21 receipts \$1293 had come in for the fund drive. Letters were to be sent out to members living outside our territory.

Old Business: Mr. Lincoln appointed Mrs. Ridgeway and Mr. Osborn to serve as a committee to look into the business of shoulder patches. They are to investigate the subject as to cost, number, price and availability to members, design, etc. and bring their recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Lincoln appointed Carol Coggeshall and Harold Bligh to act as a committee to study our by-laws during the course of the year and also look at our certificate of incorporation, reviewing these and bringing any changes that are in order to the attention of the Board.

Because of changing the date of our paid meeting to March 14 in order to get the Sutherlands, it was decided to move the Chincoteague trip to March 8-9.

Re Member Participation night: Will Osborn has volunteered to show his slides on Canada Geese, Mrs. Ryan would like to come tell us about her activities, and Mr. Greenbam is another possibility.

Re: Christmas Tea, Mr. Lincoln said he was planning to have the past Presidents take part. We still need a chairman to take charge of arrangements. It was decided to keep the program short because everyone seems to enjoy the social hour.

Kaye Anderson was welcomed as our part-time naturalist. Leon Nettleton said the Brownie leader from Croton had called to say how much her troop had enjoyed the field trip with Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Anderson said she needed a source for supplying maps or sheets of information that could be handed out to the children. Some of our members offered to have Xerox copies made.

Mrs. Curtis<sup>s</sup>, one of the neighbors at Gedney Brook, offered to have a coffee hour for the residents of the neighborhood to get them acquainted with the idea of the sanctuary, and Kaye will make up a letter inviting them. She also had copies made of 10 of Jeff Spendelow's bird slides and we can add them to the Sawmill slides library at a cost of \$3.50. Motion was made by Leon Nettleton, seconded by Catherine Holmes to do this.

Brinton Brook: Mr. Haas reported that all trails are clear. Boy Scouts have done some work there but he does not think it too worthwhile to have boys work there. He mentioned that traffic has picked up recently, but that the most popular time is from the end of April to the end of May.

Gedney Brook: Dave Kayser reported they had built a bridge. Dr. Pruyn has given us permission to use his lower trail, but signs should be put up that people do not proceed further on his trail but use the lower trail. They have blocked off the flow into the main pond to help return the stream to its normal path and use the springs to maintain water in the lake.

Leon Nettleton recommended that we make a gift to Mr. Mahon, the game warden. Motion was made by Mrs. Curnen, seconded by Mr. Lober, to give him a gift subscription.

Conservation: Mrs. Coggeshall gave the following report:

President Johnson has signed four conservation measures: the establishment of a Redwood Park, a North Cascades National Park, a system of scenic trails and a Wild Rivers system. Further details will be written up in the bulletin.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:30 - 4:30, at the County Center in White Plains a conference will be held by the Citizens' Committee for Protection of the Environment. The subject will be: "What About Nuclear Reactors in Westchester?"

Bedford Audubon has been given a sanctuary of 24 acres on Route 121 and are becoming more active with field trips. On Oct. 22 the Hudson River Fishermen's Association are going to have their annual meeting on pollution problems of the Hudson River at Parker Bailey American Legion Hall in Crotonville, and also having a clean-up day on October 13.

Junior Audubon: Mary Curnen announced her Friday afternoon group had 8 to 10 attending.

Membership: Mr. Holmes reported a total membership of 416.

Mr. Lincoln asked the members to think about a replacement for Kaye Anderson on the Board, since she resigned because of her affiliation as Naturalist. He also announced the gift of a 4-drawer file through the courtesy of the Geifferts, with the promise of another one to come.

Mr. Holmes suggested that if the Sanctuary Fund Drive gets off to a good start we might consider taking over Brinton Brook from National.

Mrs. Holmes asked for new signatures authorizing the treasurer and president to have access to the safe deposit box. Motion was made by Mr. Nettleton, seconded by Mr. Kayser, for these signatures.

Mr. Nettleton announced the conservation course at Community College is well under way, Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00.

Mr. Lincoln presented a copy of the John Burroughs Society Bulletin in honor of Bill Fennell. It was also disclosed that Mrs. Youmans has passed away, and the President is to write a letter of condolence.

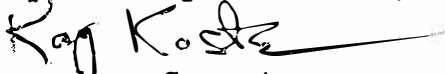
Mr. Kayser remarked that 25 people had attended the field trip to Cape May. Plans for the Montauk trip were under control, and people seemed in favor of going to Hawk Mountain in November, rather than Middletown.

Jackie Coyle was to be contacted to bring cards and stationery to sell at our meetings.

Mr. Lincoln mentioned the need of getting new procedures and techniques for the issuance of cards, bulletins and special letters. The people involved are Thelma Smith, Miss Reiter and Miss Kenney. Our stenciling machine is obsolete and a new one costs \$12.00 with a more automatic one costing \$25. Mr. Nettleton offered to assist in looking in to this.

The next Board meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Coggeshall. With thanks to Mrs. Curnen for her hospitality, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Recording Secretary

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

SIFAS Inc. Directors 10/10/68

All outside speakers booked and meeting places confirmed for 1968-69. Yet to be: Christmas

Tea and Member Participation Night programs.

### CHANGES & CONFIRMATIONS:

Feb. 28 Member Participation Night, Bell School confirmed.

March meeting date changed from 21 to 14 to accommodate speakers, Mr. & Mrs. Sutherland (thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Powell, for securing them) to present our paid program at \$100 fee. Stan has copies of their several offerings from which we may choose. Place: Pleasantville H.S. as before, new date confirmed.

April 11 annual meeting, double (Esso) film, "The American Trail", confirmed.

May 23 meeting, voted at last Board meeting, speaker Miss Martha Sykes, Director of Sharon, Conn., Audubon Center and former naturalist at Greenwich Audubon Center. Topic: "Flowers and their Families", already heard at another meeting and recommended by two of our veteran members, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ritchie of Kent, Conn.

### FOLLOW-UPS:

Refreshment cost at first meeting will be \$15.75, to be paid when billing snafus are resolved at Pleas. school office--\$6 for personnel services, remainder for food; I have seen the bills. Co-Chairman Kay Koste thanked Dr. Gandal, first speaker, by letter.

Publicity for this month's speaker, Ray deLuca of Am. Museum of Natural History, received and being processed, details pertaining for his program at Roselle, Oct. 18, complete.

Leon Nettleton

### SANCTUARIES DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Robert Mahan, NYS Conservation Officer to reactivate previous plan of warden services at Brinton Brook, assisted by two deputy wardens, checking to occur each Saturday and Sunday plus once during the week, November-Feb. hunting season, to be paid \$100 in advance, divided between the deputies, and \$50 at conclusion, similarly divided. Wardens asked to sign register on days there, to send short monthly reports. I recommend that we send a gift Mr. Mahan, perhaps at Christmas, in appreciation for this year's and past years' services, as suggested by our Legal Counsel. By law, he is prevented from receiving monetary compensation.
2. Mrs. Paul Anderson has been busy at Gedney Brook and Brinton Brook sanctuaries since assuming her duties as our part-time naturalist October 1. Her report is appended below.
3. Details of procedures in compensating Mrs. Anderson, including deductions and reports, are promised by our Counsel, Mr. Brisson, to be in my hands today.
4. I reported to N.Y.S. Conservationist, in comment on its August-September issue's article on Nature Conservancy sanctuaries, that Mr. Thurber is no longer our chairman at the Thurber Memorial Sanctuary, and that correspondence relating thereto should be addressed to President Stan or to me. Stan, does Nature Conservancy know that Mr. T. died in the summer of '67?

Leon Nettleton

### NATURALIST'S REPORT, Oct. 17, 1968 (copy to be sent to Dr. & Mrs. Fruyn)

Total time so far accrued, 12 hours. Of this time, nine and one-half hours consist of trail work at Gedney Brook and Brinton. One hour has been spent on map-making and compilation of names of neighbors at Gedney, and on working up a hand-out sheet for children in autumn. One-half hour consisted of a very cordial interview with Mr. McGuire, Assistant Principal of the Douglas Grafflin School Chappaqua (K-5th). He is very enthusiastic about the idea of a sanctuary so close by, has been to the Maine Audubon Camp himself, and will immediately get out a ditto sheet of information to his teachers. (\*Former SIFAS member & Scholarship Chairman?-LN) One hour was spent conducting a tour of Brownie Troop 136, Croton, through Brinton. 20 girls and 3 leaders. They were very well-behaved, interested and seemed to enjoy the experience. In addition to official time, I have taken six sessions of a course given at the Teatown Reservation for youth leaders in nature. This course has been very inspiring and has been taught by Mrs. Frances Elwyn, well-known member of SIFAS. She is a well-spring of information and enthusiasm, even though she cannot herself get around very well any longer. She is looking forward to having me visit her when the course is over, and I am sure can be of great help to us all. Ken Balgoyen has assisted her, and is also very willing to be of help. I have also attended several group tours at the Greenwich Audubon Center to observe Mr. Shannon and one of their new leaders, Miss Hunkan, with 3rd and 5th grade groups. I have added several books to my personal library and am constantly doing research, particularly at this time in ecology.

Kay Anderson