

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SAW MILL AUDUBON SOCIETY

1969

The monthly meeting was held on Thursday, April 10, at the home of Mr. David Kayser. Those in attendance were Mrs. Holmes, Anderson, Curner, Coggeshall, Miss Smith, Messrs. Kayser, Lincoln, Haas, Osborn, Powell, Ridgeway, Holmes and Messiah. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Lincoln. In the absence of Mrs. Koste, the secretary, the meeting began with the report of the treasurer. A very goodly amount was realized from the Fund Raising Benefit Program. (Detailed report to be submitted)

The reports submitted by Mrs. Koste and Mr. Nettleton of the Program Committee were accepted, as were the written reports of the Naturalist and Sanctuary Chairman.

Mr. Lincoln then reported for the Nominating Committee that Mrs. Holmes will not run again for treasurer. Everyone was saddened at this news but understood Mrs. Holmes' desire to relinquish the task after serving for eleven years. Mr. Lincoln asked the help of all present in finding a replacement for Mrs. Holmes. He suggested that some member of the committees and Board Members might be willing to undertake the job of treasurer.

Mrs. Messiah gave the names of four applicants for consideration as scholarship recipients. As one of the applicants was a member of the Board, some discussion ensued explaining our position as a tax-exempt organization. Mrs. Holmes pointed out that the Internal Revenue Service might take a dim view of such proceedings as a practice but hastened to add that such would not be the case this year since this was the first time. The Board accepted the applicants nominated by the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee to receive this years awards.

Jeffery Spendelow--Student	Yale University	2 weeks	Maine Camp
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Mrs. Mary Curner	---Teacher, St. Joseph's School	2 weeks	Wisconsin Camp
Mrs. Harriet Arant	---Teacher, Glafflin School	2 weeks	Maine Camp

Since the Chappaqua Garden Club has not yet replied to our letter advising them of the increase from \$135 to \$150 for the session this year, we will make up the \$15.00 difference if they do not reply within a reasonable time of getting notified of the awarding of the scholarship to Mrs. Arant.

Mr. Lincoln then made a motion that Mr. Nettleton be the SMRAS representative to the annual meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs in May and that the same amount toward expenses given last year be given him this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Messiah and voted upon.

Mrs. Coggeshall reported that three letters were sent in connection with the request of Bob Boyle in re: the removing of gravel without sufficient notice to the public. Mr. Boyle found out that the required notice had been placed in the Peekskill paper rather than in the Croton press. Complaints about dumping of garbage and inadequate fill at Croton Point had come to Mrs. Coggeshall's attention. She spoke with Mr. Charles Pound to determine what the situation is at the Point. Mrs. Coggeshall also attended hearings on Thermal Discharge. She had one reservation about the State's proposals. This was that the public hearings should be mandatory. At the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Council, Mrs. Coggeshall felt that Ned Smith addressed himself to the topic of Open Spaces rather than the C A C.

Mr. Lincoln then read correspondence that he had received from Mr. Charles Callinson. The Environmental Defense Fund, Inc. is trying to interest all chapters

in supporting the effort of a Wisconsin group that is "challenging" the legality of using DDT in that state. This action could have impact country-wide. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes voiced the opinion that our chapter should not support the effort, financially. Miss Smith and Mr. Osborn felt that the effort deserved the support of SMRAS. A vote was called for and taken with 8 voting "pro" and 2 "con". The amount of \$10.00 was voted to be sent to the Rachel Carson Defense Fund of the Environmental Defense Fund.

Mr. Lincoln read a letter from Carl Schmidt of a meeting to be held on 4/16 at the Grafflin School in Chappaqua, to introduce the New Castle Land Conservancy as a non-profit, charitable incorporation for the purposes to preserve for present and future generations the beauty of the natural flora and fauna, further the use for education, acquire by gift and purchase open space land in and around New Castle. A meeting ~~has been~~ set up with a possibility that the land might be made

acceptable to the above named group. Mr. Kayser and Mr. Lincoln will try to attend the April 16th meeting.

Mr. Osborn asked of possibilities of including our stand on conservation issues when making announcement of meetings to the newspapers. A vote of thanks and appreciation was extended to Thelma Smith on the current BULLETIN.

"Nest Record Cards" will be the responsibility of Mary Curnen, this year. She, with Kaye Anderson, will be the leaders of the April 26 Field Trip. In discussing the Montezuma Trip, only the Ridgeways seemed definite about going.

Another reference was made about the "filing cabinet" Mrs. Geiffert has offered. Mr. Lincoln wants to purchase a small file for the materials now in the larger file cabinet, thus freeing the latter to be placed in the space that is being held at the library for SMRAS.

A letter was read from Mary Forsythe stating that she will not be on the Board of Directors after April as she will be spending much time in the Southwest. She enclosed a check for the Fund Drive. Mrs. Ridgeway's report of activities at Brinton Brook included the news that she has formed a Junior Audubon Club of 18 Girl Scouts.

Mr. Osborn reported on the proposed "armpatch". The costs are:

4" patch- \$2.70 + \$11.75

3½" patch- \$2.50 +

3¼" patch - \$1.85 + \$9.20

A minimum order of 80 would be required at these prices. The possible popularity and sales potential was discussed. The differences between the imported and domestic pieces is to be investigated and samples requested.

Mr. Haas complimented the Ridgeways on the beautiful new map at Brinton Brook. He also alerted us of a proposed Industrial Park as neighbors at the sanctuary. Mrs. Coggeshall said that Mr. Boyle had spoken with the Village Board which he felt would be sympathetic to Audubon. Mr. Haas will be able to work this summer, but seriously doubts that he will be in the area this fall.

Mr. Holmes gave the present membership as 431. He suggested that we write to MacMillan for permission to reprint Sara Teasdale's poem on the current issue of Audubon Magazine in our next Bulletin. Mrs. Holmes asked if a mimeo form could be sent to the 431 members asking their talents, interests, etc. A card file of this informational could be kept; another mention was made of individual home meetings for new members to make them more a part of the chapter.

Mrs. Coggeshall said that a friend, Mrs. Young, had seen a man from British Columbia at the Sportsman Show, recently, present a program "Birds of Prey". She will contact him about a similar program for SMRAS next season.

At future Chapter meetings committee chairmen will be asked to make their own announcements in an attempt to aid new members in knowing more of the membership.

The Planning Committee has a new member, Mr. Ken Curtis who is interested in the society; he has contacts with many foundations.

Mr. Holmes reported on a program that he presented at the Couples Club of the Pleasantville Methodist church and the Bethel Home in Ossining.

Mr. Osborn reported that the railroad ties were procured with total expense of \$32.32. Some have been cut and placed at Chernick Sanctuary. Mrs. Curnen and Mrs. Anderson obtained 15 hemlocks from the Old Farm area and have planted them at Chernick.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 with warm thanks and appreciation to Mr. Kayser for his gracious hospitality.

The next meeting is to be at the home of the Messiahs.

Grace Messiah
Secy. pro tem

April 10, 1969

Dear Mr. Lincoln:

Please forgive my absence from the Board of Directors meeting this evening. There is a special program, 'Birth of an Island', which I especially wish to view. I use this phenomenon in nature when leading Nature Walks, and would like to have any additional information than I have from the 1967 issue of the Natural Museum of History Magazine, which originally pictured and described the event. Since then naturalists and scientists have observed the first life as it emerges from the rocks formed by the volcanic action from the ocean floor.

AUDUBON SLIDE PROGRAM FOR GIRL SCOUTS

I presented a slide program for a group of Tarrytown Scouts this month, which was well received. The parents have called to report favorably on it since then. The leader believes they will soon form a Junior Audubon Club.

BRINTON BROOK NATURE WALK APRIL 9, 1969

Yesterday, I led a group of Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 427 Tarrytown on a walk at Brinton Brook. These girls were most interested and came equipped with hand lenses and wore boots. They walked to the Cabin on the yellow trail, and here they spent much time looking at the exhibits there. We saw a flicker, 2 pair mallards, and many snapping turtles sunning on the rocks, as well as a black snake on the blue trail. We walked a short distance up the blue trail and returned by the same yellow trail we had taken from the parking lot. Bob and I had discovered the other side of the Sanctuary was very wet previously. The girls decided to form a Junior Audubon Club--so I sent in for the materials to National for 18 girls and their leader.

OSSINING CADETTE GIRL SCOUTS-APRIL 25, 1969

On April 25th I am to give a slide Audubon Nature program at St. Ann's School for the Cadettes (7, 8, & 9th grade level), and will make suggestions for possible service projects they might undertake.

Cordially,

Beatrice Ridgeway