

*Leon Nettleton*  
A meeting of the Brinton Brook Sanctuary advisory committee was held at the cabin by the pond on October 19th, 1969. Present were Mr. Leon D. Nettleton, Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Holmes, Mary Forsyth (present part time), Mr. Richard Kamp, Jr. (present part time) and Bee and Bob Ridgeway.

Letters from Mary Forsyth and George Porter were read--Mr. Porter being unable to attend and Mrs. Forsyth coming in on a later plane.

The use of the sanctuary was discussed at some length. Attention was called to the spirit in which the Sanctuary was given by Mrs. Willard C. Brinton to The National Audubon Society; and accepted by them as a memorial to Mr. Willard C. Brinton.

The following recommendations are to be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society for approval:

1. Brinton Brook Sanctuary should remain a Sanctuary not an educational or recreational center.

2. Groups, of all kinds--School, Scout, Brownie, Cub Scout and adult organizations should be limited to once a week.

3. All groups visiting the Sanctuary must request permission and when scheduled by the Chairmen or Naturalist are to be accompanied by a Saw Mill River Audubon Society member. Volunteers may be trained as guides when required.

4. Signs reading 'OPEN - DAWN TO DUSK', and 'DO NOT PICK FLOWERS OR PLANT SPECIMENS' shall be erected.

5. Brinton Brook Sanctuary should be used as a limited training location for nature guides--not students or youth.

6. When the Chairman and Naturalist are contacted concerning group trips through the sanctuary, they should recommend the schools create their own nature areas adjacent to or on the school property. When they do not have qualified nature guides at school, some of our members may volunteer to assist them. In the case of Scout groups, they may be encouraged to use recreational areas such as George's Island and Blue Mt. Reservation--the latter has excellent trails, while both have facilities for cookouts and picnics.

Mr. Holmes is to contact Mrs. Elwyn for a review of the directory for those Croton members who might be interested in working at Brinton Brook Sanctuary.

Management and Use Policy sheets are to be revised and printed for use in the spring.

Mr. Richard Kamp, Jr. has been retained to mow the sanctuary.

A Warden has been hired for the fall hunting season.

It was suggested that members of Saw Mill River Audubon Society living in the Ossining, and Croton Area be invited to meet at or near the Sanctuary to become more familiar with the Sanctuary. Members of the present Sanctuary Committee to be contacted to determine if they still desire to serve on this committee.

It was suggested that a bulletin board, benches, comfort station and a cabin be provided at Gedney Brook Sanctuary to assist our Naturalist in her educational programs there.

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