

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board Meeting
May 2, 1991

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM at the home of Peter Burckmyer. The following directors were present: Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Heidelberger, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, John McCall, Nina McCall, Neski, Pullano, Romaine, Rita Wecker, and Stan Wecker. Anne Swaim and Peter Burckmyer were also present.

The minutes of the April 4 Board Meeting and of the April 19 Annual Meeting were read and accepted with minor corrections.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that expense exceeded revenue by \$909.90 in April and that total fund balances were \$415,383.91 as of April 30, 1991. Ellen moved that new corporate resolutions be adopted to reflect the new officers. Seconded and carried. Ellen reported that the Society earned about 9.1% on its funds for the year ended March 31. The Pancake Supper nearly broke even. Mr. Larsen will again audit our books.

Alice Avouris reported membership at 798 as of March 28, 1991.

President McCall proposed that each director be given a specific committee responsibility to better distribute our work. Non-Board members are also needed for our committees. Diane Neski will supervise public relations and John McCall fund raising.

Sophie Keyes announced that June 15 will be the last day to change a program listing and July 15 a bulletin item. Sophie will review our mailing choices under the new postal rates.

John McCall reviewed various fund-raising activities, including a phonathon. Cyrus and Martha Derman have pledged \$2,000 for a bird blind memorializing their son, Adam. Dr. Clark will pay for tree identification tags. The Reader's Digest Association has pledged \$2,000. The total pledge amount had not yet been tallied.

Jack Andrews said that a meeting on yard work at the Pruyn property is necessary. Rototilling has been done.

Stan Lincoln reported that there had been a tour of the Prickly Pear development on April 13 with a Mr. Julius. Stan will draft a letter with our views for consideration by the Croton Planning Board. Stan also reported that contracts have been executed for the transfer from National Audubon to us of Graff and Brinton Brook sanctuaries. The contracts provide in part that there will be an opportunity for us to cure conditions that might cause a reversion of title, and that any proceeds from settling the Corry encroachment will be ours.

Stan Wecker said that the Program Committee would welcome suggestions and was considering a benefit in November.

Diane Neski reminded us that sponsors are needed for the Birdathon.

Anne Swaim reviewed her work in the schools and on the trails. Anne has also worked on a Tree Ordinance for the Town of New Castle and appeared on cable television. Anne suggested making a new entrance at Graff Sanctuary.

Rita Wecker presented the attached recommendations of the Finance Committee for shifting some of our investments, which were approved. Investment in equities is not thought to be advisable until we have more funds.

Jim Anderson suggested that an alternative menu be considered for the next supper meeting.

Mike Pullano circulated a draft list of field trips for 1991-1992.

Berna Lincoln said that anyone wishing to take part in the June bird nesting count should call John Askildsen of Bedford Audubon.

The next Board Meeting is planned for June 6 at Midge Arnold's.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

William Romsine
Recording Secretary