

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 1991

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM at the home of Ellen Heidelberger. The following directors were present: Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Avouris, Heidelberger, Keyes, Lolya, John McCall, Nina McCall, Neski, Nye, Romaine, Smolin, Torpie, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the June 6 Board Meeting were accepted with one minor correction.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that expense exceeded revenue by \$2,452.07 for the five months ended August 31, 1991, and that fund balances on that date totaled \$480,493.74. During July, \$45,000 was placed in the Scudder Short Term Bond Fund, and in July and August, \$18,000 in the Vanguard Investment Grade Bond Fund. The Birdathon netted some \$1,400, of which half is due to National. Of the \$2,000 received for the bird blind, about \$1,664 has been spent, including \$500 for labor.

Alice Avouris reported that the Society had 811 members as of June 29, not including 18 in the recently added territory.

President McCall took note of the death on August 15 of Board member and former President Frank Gillette. His work in many areas will be missed. Stan Wecker moved that we extend a resolution of sympathy to Mrs. Gillette. Seconded and carried. Some memorial gifts have been received.

Jack Andrews will take over as chair of the budget committee.

Stan and Berna Lincoln have asked that they be allowed to represent Saw Mill at the Federation of New York Bird Clubs conference in Syracuse September 21. So moved by Martin Smolin. Seconded and carried.

The title papers for Brinton Brook and Graff Sanctuaries have finally been filed. Stan Wecker moved that we give attorney Bob Brisson a complimentary membership in National Audubon for his work. Seconded and carried.

A certain Dr. Kaufman has offered the Society twenty acres of woodland adjacent to Brinton Brook Sanctuary. This offer will be pursued.

John McCall moved that we spend \$200 on bird seed for use at the bird blind and elsewhere in Pruyn Sanctuary. Seconded and carried. The bird blind is progressing well.

Jim Anderson has computerized the records of last year's bird seed sale.

Bill Romaine suggested that the naturalist keep a disabled animal or two for use in school programs. The Education Committee will consider this idea.

Jack Andrews reported that the one acre of land in New Castle now or formerly owned by the Barna family is no longer available to us.

Pat Torpie has been awarded an Empire State grant to pursue a Master's degree in secondary education. This is a great distinction.

Sophie Keyes has determined that using first class postage for mailing our newsletter is the best alternative. Our newsletter was rated first in its class of 170 by National. Note is taken of the appreciation and applause Sophie and Anne received for this award and for all their work.

Rita Wecker reported that she had independently verified our portfolio balances as of August 30.

Michael Lolya reported that 9 people took part in the season's first outing to Jamaica Bay.

Martin Smolin gave an illustrated book on Israel's birds to our library.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Midge Arnold's on October 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Recording Secretary

William Romaine