

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 3, 1991

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

The minutes of the September 5 Board Meeting were accepted with two corrections. First, as joint editor of the newsletter, Anne Swaim was also the recipient of our congratulations for National's award. Second, the June 29 membership count did not include the members in our recently added territory.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that revenue exceeded expense by \$103.10 for the six months ended September 30, 1991. Fund balances on that date totaled \$486,719.01. During September, \$9,000 was placed in the Vanguard Investment Grade Bond Fund. Ellen circulated a mid-year comparison of actual expense and revenue to budgeted amounts. We are on track, or a little ahead.

Alice Avouris reported that the Society had 838 members as of August 29. Alice showed us a volunteer application she had received from Harriet Toedter, who could do maintenance work at Brinton Brook and be a photographer, along with her husband. Alice plans to spend about \$40 for a pine bookcase for the library at Pruyn.

Stan Wecker reviewed our upcoming programs. He proposed that there be no tickets for the benefit, only a suggested donation. This proposal met with approval.

Rita Wecker reported that our portfolio had a value of \$496,750 on September 30. Rita has called a Finance Committee meeting for October 22.

David McIntyre will chair a committee to consider the possible gift from Dr. Kaufman of land adjacent to Brinton Brook, and the encroachments at Graff. President McCall (ex officio), Directors McIntyre, Romaine, and Smolin, and Anne Swaim will comprise the committee.

Midge Arnold has thought of spending about \$300 for tree tags at Pruyn Sanctuary. Rita Wecker moved that we show the donor, Dr. Clark, a sample of the type of tag used at the New York Botanical Garden. Seconded and carried.

John McCall reported that the bird blind at Pruyn is nearly complete and that donor Martha Derman is pleased with it.

Jack Andrews said that the House Committee met on October 2 to consider inadequate wiring in the office and minor repairs in one bathroom.

Stan Lincoln said that he and Berna had attended the September 21 meeting in Syracuse of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. Resolutions were passed supporting the Wild Bird Act, the Neotropical Bird Migration Act, and the expansion of Montezuma Wildlife refuge. Stan said that the Audubon chapters in our area might want to be hosts of the 1994 meeting.

Berna Lincoln mentioned lobbying Westchester County to buy acreage at Bald Mountain. President McCall brought up the controversy over the "Range Wars" television broadcast and said that General Electric needs our support.

Jim Anderson said that Patricia Torpie has been chosen as a New York State Mentor in Science, an honor in teaching.

Diane Neski showed us meeting notices she and Anne had prepared and also reviewed ideas she has for publicity, including radio announcements and recycling instructions in the newsletter.

Martin Smolin suggested making a photographic record of our sanctuaries.

Midge Arnold gave an account of a wonderful weekend trip to Cape May. Twenty-two people took part.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for the Lincolns' on November 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Recording Secretary

William Romaine