

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 7, 1991

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM at the Lincolns' home. The following directors were present: Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Avouris, Heidelberger, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, Lolya, John McCall, Nina McCall, Miller, Neski, Romaine, Smolin, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the October 3 Board Meeting were accepted as read.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that revenue exceeded expense by \$2,600.96 for the seven months ended October 31, 1991. Fund balances on that date totaled \$489,613.87.

President McCall proposed James Miller of Croton for membership on the Board. Seconded and carried. President McCall said that the Meissners of Croton have expressed interest in donating their house, cottage and surrounding acreage to the Society. The house is built in a Japanese style and there is a Japanese garden near it.

The League of Women Voters will present a talk at 9:30 in the morning on November 20 at the Chappaqua library. The topic is PCB's in the Hudson River.

Jim Anderson submitted the attached report on the October bird seed sale. We applauded his thorough organization of this event. Michael Lolya volunteered to write thank-you notes to those people who gave \$10 or more in addition to buying seed.

Alice Avouris reported our membership at 857 as of October 3.

Sophie Keyes read Dorothy Gillette's note thanking us for our sympathy on the death of Frank. Mrs. Gillette has made a memorial contribution.

Jim Miller said that he, President McCall, David McIntyre and Martin Smolin had inspected the encroachments at Graff Sanctuary. After some discussion, this matter was referred back to this committee for further study.

Berna Lincoln announced that the Peekskill Christmas bird count will take place on December 14.

Martin Smolin reported that the Croton planning board will hold a hearing January 7 on a draft environmental impact statement for the Prickly Pear development. Martin also wrote to the General Electric Company supporting their "Range Wars" broadcast and received a reply.

Rita Wecker submitted the attached report of the decisions made by the finance committee at its October 22 meeting. Rita noted that the value of our portfolio was some \$500,285 on November 5.

Ellen Heidelberger sponsored two corporate resolutions: one to transfer funds out of the Kemper Income and Capital Preservation Fund, and one to transfer funds into the Vanguard Index Trust-500 fund. Ellen also moved that the proceeds of the Environmental Education Fund as of March 31, 1992 be merged with the endowment fund. Seconded and carried.

Jack Andrews presented the attached report of plumbing repairs done at the Pruyn house. Jack has asked for a bid on fixing tiles in one bathroom and for other bids on upgrading the electric service. Further information is needed before a decision can be made on whether one or two meters would be better.

John McCall reported that an anonymous donor has pledged \$1,000 to the Society. We have also received the covenants and restrictions associated with the deeds for Graff and Brinton Brook Sanctuaries.

Anne Swaim said that Todd Baldwin has found full-time employment that prevents him from working for us. Anne is lining up walkers to check on our sanctuary trails.

Michael Lolya is thinking of changing the date of the Montauk trip to the January 17 weekend to coincide with a Linnean Society outing. Stan Wecker noted that the Bell School will not be available on January 17 so the program scheduled then will be moved to the 24th.

Diane Neski distributed posters for the November 22 program on wolves.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sophie Keyes' on December 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Recording Secretary
William Romaine