

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 1992

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM at the home of Pat Torpie. The following directors were present: Anderson, Avouris, Heidelberger, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, Lolya, John McCall, Nina McCall, McIntyre, Miller, Nye, Romaine, Smolin, Torpie, and Rita Wecker. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the February 6, 1992 meeting were accepted with the correction that Anne Swaim had asked the United States Soil Conservation Service, and not the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, to inspect the dam at Brinton Brook Sanctuary.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the eleven months ended February 29, 1992, revenue exceeded expense by \$6,753.95. Fund balances on that date amounted to \$499,870.28.

Alice Avouris reported that SMRAS had 874 memberships on January 30.

President McCall took note of the Spring Council meeting on March 27 and 28 in Albany. Anne Swaim plans to attend. President McCall said that Mrs. Connie Corry had offered \$2,500 to settle her encroachments at Graff Sanctuary. Stan Lincoln moved that we accept this offer and sell approximately 4/10 of an acre to Mrs. Corry. Seconded and carried. David McIntyre and Martin Smolin were opposed.

President McCall said that Mrs. Gallelli had agreed that SMRAS had the right to build a trail at Graff Sanctuary near her house.

Anne Swaim reported that 42 trail walkers have signed up. Anne said that coyotes have killed deer at Brinton Brook Sanctuary and are probably denning there. Anne said that Mr. Finimore of Armonk has donated signs for the Cameron-Murfieldt and the Chernick Sanctuaries. We agreed to reimburse Mr. Finimore \$68.27 for his expenses.

Anne also reported that gravel costing \$128.75 was placed on the Brinton Brook driveway. Anne circulated a roster of trails in the Northeast published by the National Park Service and the Appalachian Mountain Club in which we are included. Anne plans to have a workday in April with the Pace Environmental Club at the Brinton Brook dam. Anne is researching

the names of the owners of property adjacent to our sanctuaries and has finished a list for the town of New Castle.

Martin Smolin reported on a hearing on the Arrowcrest development in Croton. There are many obstacles to the approval of this project. Martin gave President McCall notes for her use in writing the Croton Village Planning Board.

Stan Lincoln presented the attached 1992-1993 budget which was approved as amended.

Ellen Heidelberger said that the Nominating Committee's slate for 1992-1993 will propose Berna Lincoln as Corresponding Secretary and no other changes in the officers.

Mike Lolya asked that a version of the attached promotion of competitive birding be included in the next newsletter. Seconded and carried.

Jim Anderson reported that the bathroom tile repair at the Pruyn house has been completed. An additional \$250 was spent to replace rotten wood supports.

David McIntyre has called a meeting of the Sanctuary Committee on March 10 at the Pruyn house.

John McCall said that the initial mailing in the Annual Fund Drive has gone out and that a phonathon is scheduled for March 12 in Chappaqua. John added that he has approached the Norcross Foundation for a \$15,000 grant toward capital improvements.

Rita Wecker reported that our portfolio had a value of \$513,079 on March 4.

President McCall asked for our response to the idea of sponsoring a nature study trip through a travel agent. It seems that a very large membership would be necessary for this to work out.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at the Pruyn House.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Recording Secretary

William Romaine