

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 1992

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM at Midge Arnold's. The following directors were present: Andrews, Arnold, Avouris, Goplerud, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, Lolya, John McCall, Nina McCall, McIntyre, Miller, Nye, Romaine, Smolin, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Carol Coggeshall and Anne Swaim were also present.

The minutes of the May 7 Board Meeting were accepted as read.

Jack Andrews reviewed the status of the electric service upgrade at the Pruyn house. Jack then took his leave, saying that he was glad to have worked with us, mentioning Frank Gillette specifically, and adding that he wished us well in our endeavors.

After Jack left, Martin Smolin nominated Jon Goplerud of Croton to fill out Jack Andrews' term. Seconded and carried. Stan Wecker moved that an Executive Committee consisting of President Nina McCall, Chairman Stan Lincoln, Vice-president Dave McIntyre, Treasurer Ellen Heidelberger, and Recording Secretary Bill Romaine be appointed to act in lieu of the Board until the September Board meeting. Seconded and carried.

President McCall reported that the final payment of the Hembdt bequest, about \$340, had been received.

Anne Swaim said that she is planting shrubs on the Pruyn house grounds. Anne asked that we purchase a laser printer. Martin Smolin moved that \$1,470 be spent for a NEC 95 Silentwriter Postscript printer. Seconded and carried.

Mike Lolya reported on the BIRDathon, which raised between \$500 and \$600. Mike presented the Field Trip Committee's proposed 1992-1993 outings schedule, which we discussed.

Berna Lincoln said that anyone interested in participating in the June 13 and 14 Summer Bird Count should call her.

Martin Smolin said that the Conservation Committee had met to discuss a telephone chain and other matters. Martin read a letter in opposition to the State Department of Environmental Conservation's plan to incinerate PCB's at the Croton rail yards. David McIntyre moved that Martin Smolin and Stan Wecker draft a letter on our behalf opposing this planned burning without further study by the State, and that President McCall sign and send the finished letter. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker moved that the Conservation Committee be renamed the Environmental Action Committee. Seconded and carried.

John McCall presented the attached report of the Personnel Committee.

Alice Avouris said that SMRAS had 888 memberships as of April 30.

Rita Wecker reported that our portfolio had a value of \$579,834 as of June 3, including the Hembdt bequest which has been invested one half in 5-year U.S. Treasury notes and one half in 7-year U.S. Treasury notes.

President McCall said that we need to consider candidates for the Nominating Committee.

Martin Smolin moved that we renew our membership in the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and make a gift to the Nature Conservancy's foreign land acquisition program. Stan Lincoln moved that this motion be tabled. Seconded and carried. Mike Lolya, David McIntyre and Martin Smolin were opposed.

Carol Coggeshall mentioned that there is a controversy about lead shot from the shooting range at Blue Mountain Park contaminating groundwater.

The next meeting is scheduled for September at a place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Recording Secretary
William Romsire