

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 1992

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

The minutes of the June 4 Board meeting were accepted as read.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the five months ended August 31, 1992, expense exceeded revenue by \$5,922.91 and that fund balances on that date totaled \$577,777.78. Electrical repairs and the purchase of a refrigerator and a laser printer for the Pruyn House were large expenditures. Ellen announced that \$1,000 has been added to the Light Memorial Scholarship Fund including a matching grant from IBM.

Alice Avouris reported that the Society had 819 memberships as of July 30.

President McCall reminded us of the workshop on Saturday and the New York Council meeting scheduled for the 18th and 19th. Nina said that Phil Heidelberger had agreed to chair a Nominating Committee consisting of himself, Betty Wiltse and Lee Boyd. Jim Miller will coordinate the next Blrdathon.

After reviewing summer activities, Anne Swaim said that the Town of New Castle is considering giving us a little less than 12 acres of open land adjacent to Choate Sanctuary. David McIntyre moved that we accept this land if it is offered. Seconded and carried. Anne mentioned a controversy over proposed renovations at the Gedney Brook Park in Millwood. Stan Wecker moved that President McCall be empowered to present our interest in the preservation of wetlands there to the Town Board. Seconded and carried. Anne distributed copies of a birding checklist for Brinton Brook Sanctuary.

Stan Wecker complimented Anne Swaim on her efforts which were instrumental to the adoption of the Town of New Castle Tree Ordinance.

Mike Lolya said that 16 people took part in the September 6 trip to Jamaica Bay and reviewed plans for the Cape May trip.

Berna Lincoln moved that the net proceeds of the Birdathon, some \$116.10 be remitted to the Northeast Regional Office. Seconded and carried.

Jim Anderson reported that he has sent out more than 1200 fliers advertising the October 17 and 18 bird seed sale. Jim moved that we spend \$197.40 to buy 25 fifty-pound bags of black oil seed and 25 forty-pound bags of naturalist mix seed for use at Pruyn Sanctuary. Seconded and carried.

Jim said that last week he sent out bids for the proposed exterior door to the Pruyn House office. Jim added that the electrical repairs at Pruyn were finished in July. The driveway there was partially dug up and would benefit from restoration and relocation.

Mary Bowman reviewed publicity for upcoming meetings and distributed flyers.

Martin Smolin reported on a meeting of the Environmental Action Committee where setting up a telephone tree and other matters were discussed. Martin said that George Case of FCWC recommended that we send someone to attend the County's hearings on the proposed Pocantico Lake development adjacent to Chernik Sanctuary.

President McCall wrote a letter to Jerome Blood in Tarrytown supporting the ^{local scenic district designation for the riverfront.} ~~Greenway plan~~.

Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr. met with the Environmental Action Committee on August 26th at the Weckers.

President McCall said that Judge Brisson recommends no court action on the Corry encroachment at this time.

Rita Wecker announced that the market value of our portfolio was \$600,321 on September 9.

John McCall moved that our year-end financial statements be published in our Bulletin, in accordance with past practice. Seconded and carried.

Berna Lincoln moved that she and Stan be nominated as our delegates to the September 24-26 convention of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs in Oneonta. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 1st at Alice Avouris'.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

William Romaine
Recording Secretary