

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

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

The minutes of the October 1 Board meeting were accepted with corrected bid amounts on the Pruyn House door project.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the seven months ended October 31, 1992, revenue exceeded expense by \$16,392.85 and that fund balances on that date totalled \$600,357.54. Ellen noted that these figures do not reflect the \$16,278.59 purchase of bird seed for last month's sale. Our monthly interest income is falling behind monthly expense.

President McCall read a letter from attorney Tom Casper proposing a gift by the Nakigama family to us of land in New Castle near the West Orchard School. The land, which was previously offered by the Barnas, is less than two acres in area and includes part of a pond. Berna Lincoln moved that President McCall write a letter on our behalf to Tom Casper saying "Thanks, but no thanks." Seconded and carried.

President McCall summarized a telephone call from Bill Walker offering us used office furniture in the warehouse of his employer, a New York City bank.

President McCall asked for a volunteer to organize our 40th anniversary celebration next April. No one volunteered, but later Midge Arnold, Sophie Keyes and Stan Wecker agreed to start work. Stan Lincoln mentioned that Edith Nettleton, a surviving charter member, ought to be included in this event.

Anne Swaim presented the attached report of her October activities and her November schedule. Dick Fenimore has made a handsome sign for the Cameron-Murtfeldt sanctuary. Anne said that there is a large gap in the fence between Brinton Brook Sanctuary and the Amberlands development. Stan Wecker moved that we express to the Amberlands management our desire that they live up to their agreement to keep this fence in repair. Seconded and carried. Anne and President McCall will search the files and write a suitable letter.

Jim Anderson reported that some 31 1/2 tons of bird seed were sold last month and submitted the attached financial report. Profit so far is \$9,961.86 and donations of \$463.35 have been received. Approximately \$2,174 could be realized on the seed still unsold. We gave Jim a round of applause for a successful, well-run sale.

Jim then reported that he plans to award Peter Colucci the work for the Pruyn House door at a bid price of \$3,420. Jim moved that we spend \$79 to have the Mad Hatter clean the Pruyn House chimney. Seconded and carried.

President McCall said that Mary Bowman had placed five or six newspaper items and distributed flyers to two libraries.

John McCall reported that the Norcross Foundation has awarded SMRAS \$4,000 for improvements to the Pruyn House.

Rita Wecker submitted the attached minutes of the October 8 meeting of the Finance Committee. The Committee has decided to continue to invest \$2,000 a month in the Vanguard Index Trust-500 Portfolio through April 1993. Although our portfolio was worth some \$608,344 on November 4, this does not reflect the \$16,278.59 bird seed purchase.

Anne Swaim said that we should write a letter to the new owners of the Crystal Springs property adjacent to Pruyn Sanctuary. Also, Anne reported that the final Environmental Impact Statement for the Prickly Pear development has been submitted to the Croton Planning Board and is available for comment.

After a discussion led by President McCall, Donna Nye moved that we establish a trail for the disabled at Pruyn Sanctuary as our 40th Anniversary project. Seconded and carried.

Alice Avouris reported that our memberships stood at 818 as of October 7. Alice distributed a draft sign-up sheet for volunteers which we reviewed.

Berna Lincoln announced that the Peekskill Christmas Bird Count is to take place on December 19th.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd at the McCalls'.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

William Romaine
Recording Secretary