

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 1992

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM at her house.

The following directors were present: Anderson, Avouris, Goplerud, Heidelberger, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, John McCall, Nina McCall, McIntyre, Neski, Romaine, Smolin, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the November 5 Board meeting were accepted with two corrections: first, the communication from Bill Walker offering office furniture was a telephone call; and second, we do not know whether the new owners of the Crystal Springs property have plans to develop it.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the eight months ended November 30, 1992, revenue exceeded expense by \$6,897.43 and that fund balances on that date totaled \$592,215.55. Ellen noted that SMRAS received \$1,084.43 from the estate of Magdalena Rieter and that the November 20 benefit raised some \$349.

President McCall reported that forms exempting our sanctuary property in Croton from taxation were returned to the Village on November 16. Nina also took note of next year's deadlines for the Budget and Nominating Committees' proposals. Nina reported that she had written attorney Tom Casper declining the offer of land by the Nakayamas.

Anne Swaim presented the attached report of her November activities and her December schedule. Anne said that laminated trail maps had been placed in Pinecliff and Choate Sanctuaries, and she showed us one of the new metal warning signs that will be posted around the ponds at Brinton Brook and Pinecliff Sanctuaries. Anne has learned of a proposed townhouse subdivision near Haas Sanctuary.

Anne reported that Chemical Bank has donated a desk^s, a conference table, shelving and carpet for the Pruyn House office. *4 files*

Jim Anderson said that the installation of a new interior and a new exterior door at Pruyn House is virtually finished. The final price was \$3,660. Jim asked whether the architect, Tim Howe, would be a suitable member of the House Committee, and we agreed that he would.

David McIntyre reported on the November 22 meeting of the Sanctuary Committee, which included a walk on the Pruyn Sanctuary trails in the rain. The old plank walkway at Pruyn is in bad shape. The Committee has decided to try giving oversight responsibility for each sanctuary to one person.

David said that he had discussed the encroachment situation at Graff Sanctuary with Judge Brisson, who suggested that David write a letter to Mrs. Corry denying her claim of adverse possession and offering her a lease to last so long as she lives in the adjacent house.

Berna Lincoln reminded us of the Peekskill Christmas Bird Count on the 19th and the Greenwich-Stamford Christmas Count on the 20th.

Alice Avouris reported that SMRAS had 805 memberships as of October 29th.

Rita Wecker reported that our portfolio was worth \$600,491 as of yesterday's market close.

Diane Neski informed us of the "Tara" group's grand scheme for the former Kings College property in Briarcliff Manor.

Martin Smolin said that Westchester County will hold a meeting on December 14 at 7:30 PM in Croton to review plans for capping the Croton Point dump. Jon Goplerud told us about these plans, and Berna Lincoln said that the issue is one that has lasted for years.

Stan Wecker reviewed changes in the schedule of events.

Jim Anderson submitted an updated accounting for the bird seed sale which shows a profit of \$10,152.81 and donations of \$465.55. Fifteen people gave more than \$10. Included in seed still on hand are some 60 bags of sunflower chips.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7th at Sophie Keyes'.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

William Romaine
Recording Secretary