

Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 7, 1993

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

The minutes of the December 3 Board meeting were accepted with additions to the list of office furniture contributed by Chemical Bank and a corrected date of December 2 for the portfolio valuation.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the nine months ended December 31, 1992, revenue exceeded expense by \$8,956.56 and that fund balances on that date totaled \$594,367.68. Ellen said Mr. and Mrs. Light have made an additional pledge to the Light Memorial Scholarship Fund.

President McCall reported that she had received a letter from Alice Avouris dated January 5 in which Alice declares her intention to resign from the Board as of April 1 or later when a replacement can be found. Nina complimented Diane Neski for her work on the Holiday Tea.

Anne Swaim presented the attached report of her December activities and her January schedule. The office at Pruyn House is now open and the donated furniture has been installed. Among other things, Anne said that the December storm did considerable damage to the already-weakened hemlocks at Brinton Brook Sanctuary, and that "No Skating" signs have been posted at Pinecliff and Brinton Brook Sanctuaries. Anne expects the Town of New Castle's addition to Choate Sanctuary to be under a long-term lease.

Rita Wecker reported that our portfolio had a value of \$608,586 as of January 6, 1993. Our bond investments have risen in value recently.

Martin Smolin gave an extensive account of the activities of the Environmental Action Committee. Martin circulated the attached text of a letter written by Anne Swaim to Mark Tulis, Supervisor of the Town of New Castle, regarding the proposed Gedney Park improvements. Martin moved that a letter be written to the Croton Village Board opposing Arrowcrest's application for exemption from the local tree ordinance. Seconded and carried. Martin moved that Bob Keyes write a letter to be signed by President McCall thanking International Paper Company for its donation of large tracts of land in the Adirondacks to the State. Seconded and carried.

Martin distributed the attached text of a letter written by the Environmental Action Committee at its January 4 meeting. The letter, addressed to Commissioner Jorling of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, makes recommendations for the restoration of the Croton Point Landfill. Martin moved that the letter be sent and that copies be sent to other appropriate persons. Seconded and carried.

Jon Goplerud said that the Prickly Pear development's Draft Environmental Impact Statement has in effect been approved and that the Croton Planning Board is moving on to consideration of site plans.

Mary Bowman reported that she had prepared press releases covering the Holiday Tea, our Environmental Scholarships, Mickey Spano's upcoming hike and the Environmental Quiz program.

Alice Avouris reported that SMRAS had 811 memberships as of November 25th, 1992.

John McCall said that a program on fundraising techniques is to be held at the Westchester Marriott on January 13 from 12 noon to 2 PM.

Berna Lincoln moved both that a disclaimer of a certain Valerie Hall's use of names and addresses in our newsletter as contacts for the promotion of insurance sales be ~~included~~ in the next bulletin, and that a letter be written to Ms. Hall requesting that she desist in this. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln and Martin Smolin both expressed their concern that a letter to Mrs. Corry offering her a lease for the encroachments at Graff Sanctuary be sent off as soon as possible. Stan also said that thanks to the Lights for their pledge to the scholarship fund are very much in order.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4th at the Weckers'.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

*William Romaine*  
Recording Secretary