

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 1993

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM at the Weckers'. The following directors were present: Anderson, Arnold, Avouris, Bowman, Goplerud, Heidelberger, Keyes, Berna Lincoln, Lolya, John McCall, Nina McCall, Miller, Nye, Romaine, Smolin, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Joyce MacNair and Anne Swaim were also present.

After introducing Joyce MacNair, President McCall told us that Mickey Spano is seriously ill.

The minutes of the January 7 Board meeting were accepted as read.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the ten months ended January 31, 1993, revenue exceeded expense by \$6,564.32. Fund balances on that date totaled \$594,341.95.

After extended discussion of President McCall's proposal, Martin Smolin moved that the Personnel Committee be empowered to develop a job description for a part-time office employee and report back to us. Seconded and carried. Nina next presented her reasons for a change in the Society's by-laws to permit Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee. This recommendation will be voted on at the March meeting after written notice to us.

Jim Miller moved that President McCall write a letter to Mrs. Corry's attorney directing Mrs. Corry to remove her encroaching structures from Graff Sanctuary within 30 to 60 days from the date of the letter. The letter will also mention our earlier acceptance of Mrs. Corry's offer to buy the 4/10's of an acre encroached upon for \$2,500, and will suggest that a lawsuit is our last alternative. Seconded and carried.

Anne Swaim presented the attached report of her January activities and her February schedule. Anne has arranged for a workshop for teachers with Pace University and also for a summer recreation program with the Village of Mount Kisco. Anne distributed a pamphlet she prepared describing the wildlife of Brinton Brook Sanctuary.

Jim Miller discussed the draft contracts he has received from the Town of New Castle for our occupancy of land adjacent to Choate Sanctuary. The cost of meeting the Town's insurance coverage requirements will have to be looked into.

Jim Anderson presented the 1993-1994 budget, which we adopted. In connection with the Budget, Midge Arnold showed us sample tree labels she had made. The labels are handsome and sturdy. Berna Lincoln moved that the Society's by-laws be amended to delete the requirement that the Budget be published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Martin Smolin summarized the response he had received to our letter to State Environmental Commissioner Jorling regarding the Croton Point Landfill restoration. Martin also noted

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responses from other interested parties who were sent copies of the letter.

Jim Anderson said that Otto Lips has submitted a bid of \$1,325 to improve the lighting at Pruyn House. Another bid is expected. An estimate for the repair of siding on the garage is expected from Bill Carroll.

Stan Wecker reported on plans for SMRAS' 40th anniversary commemoration. Stan said that the Education Committee is concerned that Anne's school programs concentrate too much on the lower grades to the exclusion of higher ones. The Committee would like to get a grant to buy 100 sets of "Audubon Adventures" for distribution to schools.

Jim Miller said that he has learned that the Westchester Centers for Independent Living can survey paths for the handicapped at a cost of \$50 an hour.

John McCall presented the attached report of the January 28 meeting of the Development Committee.

Rita Wecker submitted the attached report of the January 20 meeting of the Finance Committee. Rita explained the reason for a shift of \$30,000 out of the Scudder Short Term Bond Fund into five-year Treasury notes. Our portfolio had a value of \$613,064 as of February 2.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4 at Pruyn House.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

William Romeine
Recording Secretary