

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 1993

(The meeting scheduled for March 4th at Pruyn House was canceled due to inclement weather and rescheduled on March 11th)

President McCall called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM in the library of Bell School in Chappaqua.

The following directors were present: Anderson, Arnold, Avouris, Goplerud, Heidelberger, Keyes, Serna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, John McCall, Nina McCall, Miller, Neski, Nye, Smolin, Rita Wecker and Stan Wecker. Also present were Joyce MacNair, Anne Swaim and Bill Walker.

President McCall introduced new board member Bill Walker.

The minutes of the February 4th Board meeting were accepted as read by Joyce MacNair.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that for the eleven months ending February 28, 1993, revenue exceeded expense by \$6,544.08. Fund balances on that date totaled \$594,728.98.

Alice Avouris reported total membership of 797 as of January 28. Alice reviews new member applications for interest in volunteer work. If any is noted, those names are given to the appropriate committee chairmen. Alice reported that a computer membership listing is \$115. and a monthly update is \$35.

President McCall showed everyone the Costa Rican Trip scrapbook with snapshots and information that she and John put together. The trip was informative and fun and enjoyed by all participants. The group felt fortunate to have an excellent naturalist and very good bus driver. The tour operator refunded \$1,500. as a donation to the Society. This allows each of the fifteen participants a \$100 tax free contribution to the Society. Another trip may be planned in the future.

Nina noted miscellaneous events - Regional Council Meeting on March 26 and 27...Earth day on April 24. She showed a sample of the orchard signs. She reported that Mickey Spano is feeling better and making progress but is still not receiving visitors.

Anne Swaim presented the attached report of her February activities and March schedule. She distributed new National Audubon brochures for handout to local libraries. Some program highlights were bird boxes at elementary

schools, custom program at Pound Ridge Schools and visits to Pruyn sanctuary. There will be an Earth Day program at Greeley HS on April 24. The Birding workshop is shaping up. On March 10 "Kids Program" was taped for cable viewing. Anne looked into hemlock spraying at Brinton Brook but finds it is very expensive.

Jim Miller discussed the lease with the Town of New Castle for occupancy of land adjacent to Choate Sanctuary. A motion was made to sign the lease and it was seconded and carried. A supplementary motion was made to procure additional insurance for 7 acres of wetlands. It was seconded and carried.

Rita Wecker reported that the Finance Committee did not meet as planned but will meet on March 28. The cash value of the Society's portfolio is \$28,228.11 up from the last report.

Midge Arnold reported that 25 labels have been put on trees and an additional 25 on stakes that will be done when the ground thaws. 75 trees have been identified and about 60 will be labeled at Pruyn Sanctuary. The machine for labeling the signs comes from the Brooklyn Botanical Garden and is housed on the Tasdon property.

John McCall reported that mailings have gone out for the annual funding campaign. Response is good. phone meetings are planned at the offices of Holmes and Kennedy in Chappaqua. Board members will make calls on March 25 and each student will "mop up" on March 31. A Personnel Committee meeting is planned for March 15 to develop a job description for a part time secretary.

Martin Smolin reported that the DEC Albany Staff Biologist will send plans for landscaping. Board members thought we have resources within the Society and perhaps people could get together and work it out. Martin spoke to a female member of the Society who has been sending out letters regarding insurance. Her letters could be misinterpreted as official Society opinion. She said she will refrain from doing it again and Nina McCall will send her an official letter.

Stan Wecker distributed sign up sheets for the 40th Anniversary Pot Luck Supper meeting. Help is needed for before and after cleanups. Sophie Keyes will do tables and decorations. Stan Lincoln has contacted former presidents and charter members. The response is poor. Two or three people so far...one woman coming all the way from Costa Rica.

Jim Anderson reported he received an estimate of \$1,370. from Victor Conte for electrical work at Pruyn House. He

thinks Conte will do more than Otto lips. Bids are expected within two weeks for garage repairs. Radon readings at Pruyn are OK and within normal limits. Jim presented the final report on the seed sale. All the seed was sold...all 65,890 lbs.. Total profit is \$12,077.60. Jim was congratulated by the Board for a great job done.

Midge Arnold reported that pruning and clean up around Pruyn House is progressing and the property is looking a lot better.

Jim Miller is continuing to follow up on the Corry problem. A letter will be sent out shortly.


Stan Weker reported that the next to last program on March 12 is "Mushroom Mystique", at the Library. Stan needs suggestions for future programs. A request for program suggestions will be included in the Newsletter.

Jim Miller is coordinating the 4th Annual Birdathon. The date is May 15.

Sophie Keyes discussed the passing out of Newsletters in the mail boxes of new residents (suggested by Lee Boyd) it is illegal to put information in mail boxes so the Board decided it would be better to get the names and addresses of newcomers and mail newsletters with a welcome note.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1 at Jim Miller's, Croton-on-Hudson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.


Recording Secretary