

Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
December 4, 1996

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the McCalls'.

The following directors were present: Anderson, Arnold, Keyes, Kuhn, Langdon, Berna and Stan Lincoln, Lunetta, Joyce and Tom MacNair, Maram, John and Nina McCall, Romaine, Smolin, and Stan Wecker. Jo Lunetta and Bill Walker were also present.

Bill Romaine acted as Recording Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the November 6 Board of Directors meeting were accepted with the following corrections: page 2, line 14, insert "year" after "calendar"; page 2, line 18, replace "Bird Clubs" with "Federation"; page 2, line 23, insert "club" before "delegates"; page 2, lines 37-38, delete the sentence beginning "An attempt"; and page 3, third and fourth paragraphs, replace "Workmen's Compensation" with "Workers' Compensation". We complimented Joyce MacNair for her work as Recording Secretary.

Jim Anderson reported current membership at 892. Jim announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on a Capital Plan will consist of: Jeff Pinerio, chairman; Berna Lincoln; John McCall; Nina McCall; Martin Smolin; Bill Walker and Rita Wecker.

Jim read a letter of resignation from Joyce and Tom MacNair, who plan to relocate to Randolph, Vermont. Stan Wecker moved that we acknowledge the contribution made by the MacNairs to Saw Mill River Audubon Society. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer Berna Lincoln reported that as of November 30, the Operating Fund had a balance of \$3,571.14 and the Pinecliff Boardwalk Fund a balance of \$2,711.89. Berna said that Mr. Larsen had not finished his audit of the year ended March 1996. The Audit Committee is set to meet with Berna on Saturday, December 7.

Bill Walker presented the Operating Budget for 1997 as developed by the Budget Committee. A copy is appended hereto. Among the items in projected revenue of \$64,295 are \$32,000 to be transferred from the Endowment Fund, \$12,095 in net bird seed sale proceeds, and \$8,000 in contributions. Among the items in projected expense of \$64,317 are salaries of \$26,200, benefits of \$5,450, and sanctuary maintenance of \$5,717. Neither capital spending nor Larry Light Fund scholarship awards are part of the Operating Budget. John McCall moved that the Operating Budget for 1997 be adopted as presented. Seconded and carried. We thanked Bill Walker for an excellent job.

The Holiday Tea is to take place on December 15. Polly Kuhn asked for additional volunteers to bring refreshments and clean up.

Nina McCall read the names of the directors whose terms will expire in 1997.

Jo Lunetta presented a comprehensive report on the Society's various insurance coverages, a copy of which is appended. The Insurance Committee now has a document to work with.

Copies of Education Director Anne Swaim's report of her November activities and her December schedule were distributed.

Stan Lincoln reported that he and Berna Lincoln, our delegates to the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, had prepared a four-page report on the governance of the Federation which was ready for transmittal accompanied by a letter signed by Jim Anderson.

Vice-President Martin Smolin said that he had made some trail signs for Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Erosion continues to be troublesome at Brinton Brook. Martin reported that he, Polly Kuhn and Stan Wecker attended a general meeting of the Partners for Sustainable Development at Pace University on November 18th. Saw Mill River Audubon Society was the first organization to sign the Partners' charter.

Jim Anderson presented the attached memo from Pam McKown on local environmental concerns. Louis Langdon then brought up the development proposed for the former Union Carbide tract in Eastview. There was discussion of the extent of Saw Mill River Audubon's geographic interest. Louis asked that the Environmental Action Committee consider the Society's possible involvement.

Midge Arnold presented Jeff Pinerio's report on Pruyn House projects, a copy of which is appended. Midge moved that we approve Jeff's request to sell the lawn tractor through a classified ad. The tractor is not in good working order. Seconded and carried. Midge mentioned the status of pruning and brush piles on the Pruyn grounds, as well as various plantings. Midge said that she is pleased with the schedule of planned field trips.

Sophie Keyes reminded us that the January Board meeting is the deadline for items to be included in the next bulletin.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 8, 1997 at the New Castle Community Center, 10 Senter Street, Chappaqua.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.