

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 1997

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the Weckers'.

The following directors were present: Amaral, Anderson, Arnold, Bickford, Bloom, Keyes, Kuhn, Langdon, Berna Lincoln, Lunetta, Maram, John and Nina McCall, McKown, Pinerio, Romaine, Smolin, and Rita and Stan Wecker. Education Director Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the January 7, 1997 Board of Directors meeting were accepted as circulated.

Jim said that the latest membership count for the Society was 829.

Jeff Pinerio presented the attached report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Capital Plan.

Jim Anderson read a letter of resignation as a Director from Jim Miller, who offered to continue to advise on legal matters if need be. John McCall suggested that Alice Maram write a letter of thanks from the Board to Jim Miller.

Jim mentioned an upcoming membership workshop to be held at the Greenwich Audubon Center on April 19, and the Spring Audubon Council Meeting to be held at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology on April 4-6.

Chairman of the Board Nina McCall moved that Julie Amaral, Larry Bickford and Andy Rothlein be elected Directors to fill unexpired terms until the Society's Annual Meeting April 18. Seconded and carried.

John McCall told us that the Phonathon is set for March 19 and 20 at the Randolph Properties office in Chappaqua. Pace University students are expected to assist us in this effort.

Treasurer Berna Lincoln presented the two attached motions which were seconded and carried. The first was to close the Society's investment in the CGM Mutual Fund by means of a letter over Nina McCall's guaranteed signature. The second motion and accompanying corporate resolution approved an investment in the Vanguard Asset Allocation Fund with the resulting proceeds. Berna presented the attached Budget Report for the last quarter and short fiscal year ending December 1996. Vice-President Martin Smolin moved that the Society's checkbook remain in the Treasurer's custody during the investment transactions just approved. Seconded and carried with Berna Lincoln abstaining.

Rita Wecker presented the attached report on the performance of our investments in 1996.

Education Director Anne Swaim distributed copies of her report of her January activities and of her February schedule. Anne said that a new Pentium computer has been installed in our

office. Anne said she had reviewed proposals by Hudson National for plantings along the border of Brinton Brook Sanctuary. John McCall complimented Anne for ^{and Sam Blacker} ~~her~~ work on the January 18 Environmental Quiz program. ^{their}

Vice-President Martin Smolin reported that he had made more trail signs for Graff and Brinton Brook Sanctuaries, and a handsome example was shown. Martin said that the Village of Croton plans to remove an outhouse at Brinton Brook Sanctuary. Martin moved that we co-sponsor a clean up of part of Croton Point Beach on Sunday April 6. Seconded and carried. Berna Lincoln moved that the Society nominate Croton Point Park as an "important birding area" with National Audubon. Seconded and carried.

Pam McKown reported that two recent issues of concern to armchair activists are New York's Adirondack Park budget, and the release of funds for family planning by the Federal government.

Pam said that she, Polly Kuhn, Louis Langdon and Martin Smolin had visited the proposed Home Depot site in Eastview. Pam wrote a letter on Society stationery to the Mount Pleasant Town Board identifying our concerns about slope, runoff, mapping and parking spaces at the site and asking that we be kept informed about this proposed development.

Don Lunetta said that he had received a booklet from CIGNA explaining our insurance coverage.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 5 at the Lincolns'.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

William Romaine

Directions to the Lincoln's: From intersections of Routes 100 and 202 in Somers, go WEST on Route 202 about 1/4 mile to the Heritage Hills Westchester entrance on the right. Enter Heritage Hills and take the first left turn, West Hill Drive. Continue on West Hill drive through traffic light and up, up, over the hill, and down the other side to the first 900 numbers sign, on the right. Turn right and continue down to the very bottom of the hill and #955C on the right. Parking is limited so carpool if you can. Please call the Lincoln's at 277-8264 if you are unable to attend.