

Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
September 10, 1997

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at Polly Kuhn's.

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

The minutes of the June 4, 1997 Board of Directors meeting were accepted as circulated.

Jim reported that the Society's latest membership count was 868.

Jim read the attached minutes of the August 17 meeting of the Executive Committee. Without further information, we decided not to contribute toward the cost of Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition's intervention in the legal proceeding to determine the need for a filtration plant.

Treasurer Berna Lincoln presented her Operating and Capital Fund budget reports for the quarter ended June 30, 1997. Stan Wecker moved that we approve the payment of three scholarships in the amount of \$450 each from the Larry Light Memorial Fund. Three Westlake High School students went to Key Largo under BOCES auspices. Seconded and carried. Berna reported that our dues payments from National Audubon will now come quarterly. Vice-President Jeff Pinerio said that the Capital Fund Committee needs to meet.

Berna moved that we appoint herself and Stan Lincoln as our delegates to the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs Council of Delegates meeting on September 13, 1997 and that we authorize them to make statements and cast votes on our behalf as their judgment dictates. Seconded and carried.

Finance Committee chair Rita Wecker presented the attached "Investment Portfolio Performance Report for Period Ending June 30, 1997." Rita reported that the value of our investment portfolio on August 31 was \$822,980. Rita reported that the Finance Committee decided at their September 4 meeting to change the asset allocation of our portfolio increasing cash and fixed income investments and decreasing stock. The Committee decided to close our investments in the Janus and Lindner Dividend Funds, to reduce our investment in the Vanguard Index 500 Fund, and to buy shares in the Domini Social Equity and Tweedy Browne American Value Funds. The Larry Light Memorial Fund will be moved out of the Fidelity Puritan Fund into the Domini Social Equity Fund.

Jeff Pinerio said that he and Dean DiMauro cleaned up the shed area at Pruyn House and that Dean took the debris to a dump. Jeff is thinking of soliciting bids for repairing the driveway.

Midge Arnold scheduled a meeting of the Pruyn Arboretum Committee for September 17. Jeff suggested we encourage more volunteer effort through the chapter newsletter.

Martin Smolin reported that our application for an ISTE A grant from the State was turned down. Martin has set November 15 as the work day to replace about 120' of the Pruyn Boardwalk with Trimax material. Jordan Ellsworth is to supervise.

Martin reported that he, Richard Herbek and Ken Kraft, Village Manager and Foreman of the Department of Public Works of the Village of Croton respectively, walked the Kaufman tract on September 3. An open cistern there needs to be dealt with. Martin said that the Corry matter may soon be resolved with the assistance of Attorney Gerald Klein. Martin put a new sign at the entrance to Brinton Brook Sanctuary and another on the golf course boundary. Apparently the source of Hemlock Spring has been cut off by golf course construction.

Education Director Anne Swaim presented her summer report and September schedule. Anne said many children attended her part of the Mount Kisco Summer Camp Program. Among other things, Anne led some Korean visitors on a tour of Pinecliff Sanctuary and marked a trail extension at Choate Sanctuary with Alice Maram.

Pam McKown reported that the armchair activist issue of the month is again the proposed development of thousands of acres of buffer lands adjoining Stewart Airport. Pam said that the County Soil and Water District did prepare a report on the Home Depot site in Eastview and Louis Langdon added that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement is the next step.

Sophie Keyes asked that any items for the next bulletin be given to her right away. Jim Anderson said that mail orders for the seed sale are coming in respectably.

Following the departure of Anne Swaim and Chris Nykwist, we discussed personnel matters. John McCall moved that we increase Chris' rate of pay to \$9.50 an hour as of September 1 and increase our budget for this item by \$400 to cover three mornings a week for the rest of the year. Seconded and carried.

Chairman of the Board Nina McCall reported that two interpretive signs were removed at Pinecliff. The signs were recovered but are unusable.

Martin Smolin said that our organizational interactions with Teatown Lake Reservation need to be reviewed.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8 at the McCalls'.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM.

*William Romaine*