

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
October 8, 1997

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the McCalls's. The following directors were present: Amaral, Anderson, Arnold, Bickford, Bloom, Kuhn, John and Nina McCall, Pinerio, Romaine, Smolin, Rita and Stan Wecker. Naturalist Anne Swaim was also present, as was David Miller, Executive Director of the New York State Field Office of National Audubon.

The minutes of the September 10, 1997 Board meeting were accepted with the replacement of "High" by "Middle" in line 20 of the first page. Jim Anderson reported that our latest membership count was 815. Jim said that Chris Nykwist thanked us for her pay increase.

Larry Bickford suggested that we renew our membership in the Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition after the first of the year. We decided to support Yonkers Audubon's effort to urge WNET to air a Stokes birding program.

Jim took note of the untimely death of Director Louis Langdon on September 24. Chairman of the Board Nina McCall asked that Corresponding Secretary Alice Maram send Beverly Langdon our written condolences.

David Miller complimented Anne Swaim for her contributions to regional Audubon activities. David reviewed various Field Office endeavors including the Audubon Advocate newsletter, the Resolution Book, the Wildlife Agenda, the Important Birding Area Program and the lobbying of state government. David said the Field Office now wants to have policy decisions made by chapter delegates, not by paid staff. We discussed chapter membership assignment by zip code, and ways in which the Field Office could help chapters, such as by providing items for inclusion in chapter bulletins

Finance Committee Chair Rita Wecker moved that the Recording Secretary sign and seal a corporate resolution designating any two of the persons currently holding the following offices, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Chairman of the Board, to act on the Society's behalf to redeem our investment in the Janus Fund by signing a letter of instructions. Seconded and carried. Rita reported that the market value of the Society's Endowment Fund is currently about \$855,000 and that \$7,000 had been removed for expenses.

Martin Smolin expressed his dissatisfaction at our institutional relationship with Teatown Lake Reservation. A committee comprised of Midge Arnold, Larry Bickford, Vice-President Jeff Pinerio, Martin Smolin and Anne Swaim will look into this. Martin mentioned the Pinecliff Boardwalk workday on November 15. There is to be a Sanctuary Committee meeting at Jordan Ellsworth's on October 22nd. Martin and Anne rerouted a trail at Brinton

Brook Sanctuary. Martin said that there is now a trickle of water at the Split Rock spring at Brinton Brook.

Stan Wecker moved that Martin notify the Village of Croton Police Department of the removal of rocks from a stone wall and a trespass at Graff Sanctuary. Seconded and carried. We discussed the desirability of consulting a lawyer.

Education Director Anne Swaim circulated a report of her September activities and of her October schedule. Anne is taking part in Project Learning Tree.

Jeff Pinerio presented his "Report on Pruyn House Arboretum Committee Meeting and Field Trip." Jeff has scheduled a Pruyn Volunteer Day for October 16th.

Jim Anderson said that he had ordered some 26 tons of bird seed for the Seed Sale.

Polly Kuhn presented the attached report of the Audit Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at Jeff Pinerio's.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

William Romaine

Directions to the home of Jeff Pinerio- The Pinerio's house is a white colonial with a pink door. #91 Seven Bridges Road is at Ludlow Drive. It can be reached by traveling south on Route 133 or north on Route 120.

Please call Jeff if you are unable to attend the meeting. The phone number is 242-0701.
Thanks!