

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 11, 1998

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM at the First Congregational Church in Chappaqua.

The following directors were present: Anderson, Arnold, Bickford, Bloom, Hartmann, Keyes, Kuhn, Berna Lincoln, Stan Lincoln, Lunetta, Maram, John McCall, Pinerio, Romaine, Smolin, and Rita and Stan Wecker. Education Director Anne Swaim was present, as was Jonnie Sultanik, who has been nominated as a director.

The minutes of the January 7, 1998 Board of Directors meeting were accepted with the following changes: page 2, line 1, add "on mail-ins from backyard birders" after "reported" and "Peekskill" before "Christmas." Also, Larry Bickford attended the December 29 meeting noted in paragraph 3 of page 2.

Jim Anderson said that the Society's latest membership count is 839.

Vice-President Jeff Pinerio said that he had written letters to various officials complaining about the rock in the line of sight from the Pruyn House driveway exit.

Midge Arnold presented the attached report and plan for the Pruyn House Arboretum. Treasurer Berna Lincoln moved that the second paragraph of this report be adopted as policy. Seconded and carried. The Pruyn House and Arboretum Committee will consider the costs of this plan. They are to meet on the 19th.

Berna Lincoln described the accomplishments and character of Ralph Odell of Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. Berna moved that Saw Mill River Audubon Society nominate Ralph Odell for Northeast Region representative on the National Audubon Society Board of Directors. Seconded and carried.

Jim Anderson summarized a letter from Norm Shapiro reporting on the December 5, 1997 National Audubon Society's Board of Directors meeting.

Berna Lincoln submitted her 1997 Operating Budget and 1997-1998 Capital Budget reports. Martin Smolin said that Prickly Pear golf course has reimbursed us for signs placed along the Brinton Brook Sanctuary boundary.

We next considered Polly Kuhn's minutes of the Audit Committee's January 10 meeting, which had been mailed to us earlier. Polly will work with Finance Committee Chair Rita Wecker on how the Society would handle gifts of stock should we receive them.

Rita presented her "Investment Portfolio Performance Report for Period ending Dec. 31, 1997" and "Asset Allocation Mix - Dec. 31, 1997." Rita reported that our investment

portfolio was worth \$864,238 on January 31.

John McCall distributed the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers and directors for the April annual meeting.

Larry Bickford reviewed recent field trips and upcoming scheduled events.

Anne Swaim said that the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board is considering specific zoning amendments which would apparently affect ~~the~~ activities at Brinton Brook and Graff Sanctuaries. There is to be a non-quorum meeting of this Board on February 25th. Anne would welcome our comments.

Martin Smolin circulated new trail maps of Choate and Brinton Brook Sanctuaries that he, Anne Swaim and Alice Maram had worked on. Martin and Dean DiMauro put up new map boxes at Graff and Brinton Brook Sanctuaries. A meeting of the Oscawana Town Park committee is also set for the 25th.

Anne Swaim distributed copies of her January report and of her February schedule, noting the number of school programs. Anne said that Barbara Appel has given the Society some fine nature books for the library. Stan Wecker is concerned about access to the library and adequate shelf space.

Jim Anderson said that Pam McKown was attending a Greenburgh Town Board meeting on Karan Development's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for its Eastview project. The Armchair Activist issue of the month is to oppose bills liberalizing logging on Federal land.

Stan Wecker said that the Scholarship Committee would be meeting to consider applicants for the Society's annual Larry Light award.

Our next meeting is to be March 4 at Sophie Keyes'

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

William Romaine

Directions to Sophie Keyes home- From the intersection of Pinesbridge Road and the Taconic Parkway, travel east about one mile on Pinesbridge Road. Turn left on to Chadeayne Road and then take a left onto Syska Road. Proceed on Syska Road a short distance to the end, then turn right on Barnes Street. Sophie's home is immediately on the left.

There is an exit to Pinesbridge Road from the Taconic Parkway northbound, but not southbound.

Sophies address is 209 Barnes Street, Ossining. Please call Sophie if you are unable to attend the meeting. 762-2569 *Thanks!*