

Saw Mill River Audubon Society  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
March 4, 1998

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

The following directors were present: Anderson, Bickford, Bloom, Hartmann, Keyes, Kuhn, Berna Lincoln, Maram, McKown, Pinerio, Romaine, Smolin, and Rita and Stan Wecker. Education Director Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the February 11, 1998 Board of Directors meeting were accepted with the following correction: page 1, line 25, replace "Prickly Pear golf course" with "the Village of Croton."

Jim took note of the New York Audubon Council meeting scheduled for March 27 - 29 in Albany and the National Audubon Biennial Convention set for July 6 - 11 in Estes Park. The New York Audubon Council has thanked the Society for our recent donation.

Treasurer Berna Lincoln reported that as of February 28, the Operating Fund had a balance of \$9,673.11, the Pinecliff Fund a balance of \$746.70 and the Capital Fund a deficit of \$329 owed to the Operating Fund. The Finance Committee has decided to invest \$30,000 from a maturing CD in a new one-year CD at MBNA Bank with a rate in the range of 5.75%.

Finance Committee Chair Rita Wecker reported that our investment portfolio had a value of \$908,939 on February 28. Rita moved on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committees that the revised document titled "Policy and Guidelines for Management of Funds", as mailed to the Board on February 23, 1998, be approved. Seconded. We agreed to amend item 8 of "Investment Guidelines" to include "or money manager" and to place the paragraph beginning "Within these guidelines" reworded to "Subject to the guidelines below" just under "Investment Guidelines". We approved the revised document.

Rita moved on behalf of the Finance and Audit Committees that the revised document titled "Control of Funds", as mailed to the Board on February 23, 1998, be approved. Seconded. We first agreed to amend the second sentence of item 1 of "PROCEDURES FOR CONTROL OF FUNDS" to read as follows:

Any proposal for a non-emergency expenditure of money not provided in the annual budget should come to the Board members in writing three days prior to the meeting at which it will be discussed, with a justification from the appropriate committee requesting the expenditure, and an explanation of where the funds shall be found.

Larry Bickford then moved that the words after the comma and the comma be stricken. Seconded and carried. Jim Anderson moved that the "Control of Funds" document as finally revised be approved. Seconded and carried.

Vice-President Jeff Pinerio reported that he, Larry Bickford and Anne Swaim had met with Gail Abrams of Teatown Reservation. Anne Swaim distributed a draft statement, "Controlling Public Use of Semi-Public Open Space", prepared for the Society regarding the proposed zoning change for the Town of Cortlandt. The February 25 non-quorum meeting of the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board did not take place.

Jeff said that the Society has applied to the Junior League for a \$1,000 grant for the Pruyne Arboretum. The total cost of restoring and improving the Arboretum according to a zoned plan would be about \$20,000. Jeff and Midge Arnold recommend planting a sugar maple in memory of Louis Langdon. A workday is set for April 6.

Martin Smolin reported that Dean DiMauro made repairs to the fence at Brinton Brook Sanctuary and repaired and replaced the map board there. Dean has also replaced the corduroy in the path at the Choate Sanctuary entrance using Trimax material. Attorney Gerry Klein wrote to the Amberlands manager regarding dead trees near the Brinton Brook fence. Martin, Anne Swaim and Larry Bickford visited the Oscawana Town Park on February 25. Martin has been nominated to the Board of the Jane Lytle Arboretum in Croton. Anne Swaim walked the Brinton Brook/Hudson National Golf Course boundary on March 3 and prepared a favorable statement for the Village of Croton Planning Board.

Anne Swaim distributed copies of her February report and of her March schedule. The February 13 Full Moon hike was a success.

Pam McKown attended a Town of Greenburgh hearing on the Keren development project. Pam wrote to Town Supervisor Paul Feiner on the Society's behalf asking for more study of storm water drainage and open space preservation. Pam attended a meeting of the Croton Watershed Clean Water Coalition (CWCWC) last month. Pam moved that we join CWCWC. Seconded and carried.

Jeff Pinerio is to meet with Gladys Goldmann of Central Westchester Audubon Society on the 24th. Larry Bickford said that Saw Mill will co-sponsor a hike at Doodletown on May 16 with Putnam Highlands Audubon. Herb Bloom plans to attend a nature photography show on March 15 in Fort Lee. Sophie Keyes has arranged an excursion to Wildcare on April 24.

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, Stan Wecker announced that six Larry Light Scholarships have been awarded.

Stan reminded us of the upcoming Cape May trip.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at the First Congregational Church in Chappaqua.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

*William Romaine*