

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 1998

President Jim Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM at the First Congregational Church in Chappaqua.

The following directors were present: Anderson, Arnold, Bickford, Hail, Hartmann, Keyes, Kuhn, Lunetta, Maram, John McCall, McKown, Pinerio, Romaine, Smolin, and Stan Wecker. Education Director Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the March 4, 1998 Board of Directors meeting were accepted with the following corrections: page 1, line 10, replace "Council" with "State Office"; page 1, line 13, replace "Operating" with "Endowment"; page 1, line 14, replace "CD" with "Treasury note" and page 1, line 30, insert "last"s before the "comma"s.

Secretary Chris Nykwest reports the Society's latest membership count is 877.

Jim reported that a notarized statement has been sent to Judge Klein in the Corry matter. Jim reviewed issues and resolutions presented at the New York State Audubon Council spring meeting in Albany which he attended March 28 and 29.

The Federation of New York State Bird Clubs has approved amended by-laws and elected five new directors. Nominations for the Federation's Lillian Stoner Award are due before August 1.

Svend Hartmann and Bill Romaine attended a meeting at Greenwich Audubon on the 5th to meet National Audubon Board candidates Peter Mott and Ralph Odell.

Jim circulated a petition in opposition to a bicycle path at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

Pam McKown reported that the Greenburgh Town Board has rejected Keren Development's FEIS for its project in Eastview. The Town Board wants a report from the County's Soil and Water Board on the wetlands in the area. Pam wrote another letter to the Town Board presenting our concerns.

Midge Arnold presented a plan of the new trails at the Pruyne Arboretum and reviewed some of the proposed plantings. The April 6 workday was exhausting. Vice-President Jeff Pinerio is ready to buy a maple tree to be planted in Louis Langdon's memory.

Anne Swaim reported that the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board will recommend zoning changes for natural areas in Cortlandt to the Town Board. We would be allowed to continue our current activities at Brinton Brook Sanctuary without permits.

Martin Smolin spoke to the Mayor of the Village of Croton regarding the open cistern on the Kaufmann property. Martin has been elected to the Board of the Jane Lytle Arboretum. Martin, Alice Maram, Anne Swaim and Jordan Ellsworth have reblazed trails at Choate and Pruyn Sanctuaries. Jeff Pinerio complimented Martin on the trail signs he has made. Martin noted a large patch of bloodroot at Pruyn.

Anne Swaim distributed her March report. Anne said that she has scheduled many school programs for this month and that May is booked. Anne will present Basic Birding as a part of Scarsdale's Adult Education program.

John McCall said that the fund raising mailing is almost ready. The phonathon is scheduled for May 5 and 6 at Pace University. Volunteers will be needed.

Jim Anderson has scheduled a meeting of the Membership Committee on the 20th at his house.

Martin Smolin announced that the DiMauro's are now the parents of triplets.

Sophie Keyes reminded us that our May meeting is the deadline for the summer bulletin.

Stan Wecker reviewed upcoming events.

Jeff Pinerio said that he and other Westchester Audubon Chapter Board members met March 24 at Gladys Goldmann's in White Plains. They discussed the flyer for our joint October meeting and other matters in a cooperative spirit. Another such meeting is set for May 19.

Pam McKown has joined the Watershed Committee of the County Board of Legislators.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

William Romaine

Directions for Neil and Jo-Ann Arena at 1372 Leland Dr., Yorktown Heights. Go west on Rtes 202 and 35 from the Yorktown exit of Taconic State Parkway a short distance to a Mobil Station. Take left on Mohansic Ave 0.7 mi to Leland Drive. Go right up an incline and around a bend to the right. Arena's phone is 245-2554.