

Saw Mill River Audubon Society
Draft Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m, following a picnic at the Arnold's. Eleven directors were present: J. Anderson, M. Arnold, J. Epstein, A. Maram, R. McCrillis, J. Pinerio, R. Saravay, M. Smolin, R. Wecker, S. Wecker, and B. Wiesendanger. Education director Anne Swaim was also present.
2. The minutes of the May 4, 2000 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.
3. Membership was reported by office assistant Chris Nykwest to be 793.
4. President's Report--J. Pinerio reported that a total of \$7,135 had been raised to date from the phonathon. R. Wecker noted that solicitation letters should have included SMRAS's mission.
--Announced the resignation of Larry Bickford and Doug Fletcher due to relocation.
--Mentioned SMRAS participation in an Audubon booth at the Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival Festival June 17 & 18. Expressed disappointment that more SMRAS members had not signed up to help.
--Announced that NAS was holding an emergency election to replace a board vacancy. A candidate, Bill Ross, had been nominated, and that NAS proposed that Ross be named to the post without an election. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to support NAS's proposal.
--Announced that he, S. Wecker, and A. Swaim would attend the NAS board meeting June 16-18 at Bear Mountain Inn.
5. Treasurer's Report--J. Anderson reported that during the month of May, income was \$5,907 and expenditures were \$5,255, due largely to the fact that phonathon contributions were received and there were no large expenses. Noted that next month a \$4,000 fee for the audit of SMRAS's books would be due.
6. Audit Committee--J. Pinerio read a report by J. Lunetta, stating that the audit is done and the report would be received sometime this summer.
7. Membership Task Force Update--S. Wecker announced that he had put an ad in the Westchester Development Society's newsletter and received no responses. Announcement of the job was also going to be made at a career fair on Westbury, Long Island. B. Wiesendanger said she'd looked into advertising the job with the Public Relations Society of America. Discussion arose over the scope and title of the job. J. Pinerio reminded the board that part of this person's responsibilities should be to assist

the president and thus make the job of finding the next president easier. He suggested that the task force reconvene to discuss the matter further.

8. Naturalist's Report--A. Swaim announced that May had been a banner month of outreach. Made presentations to third-graders from Todd School several times over the month, and discussed participation in a USGA program, "Wildlife Links," with Scarsdale Golf Club. Also conducted a "family walk" for St. John & St. Mary church. Will be participating in a camp run by the village of Mount Kisco beginning June 28.

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9. Pruyne Driveway Obstruction--R. Saravay reported that the engineering firm is preparing design documents, to be completed by the end of June, and that the next step is to decide whether to have the firm bid out the job or have SMRAS do it. Said he expected work to begin before summer's end.

10. Finance Committee-- R. Wecker announced that the value of the investment portfolio as of May 31 was \$1,096,839, down 1.9% from April 30.

11. Pruyne Arboretum & Garden--M. Arnold stressed need for the watering schedule to be adhered to. Noted that butterfly garden has been planted.

12. Sanctuaries Committee--M. Smolin noted that there had been fires at Pinecliff and Brinton Brook, possibly due to vandalism, but that they had not been serious. Noted that he had found a solution to Con Ed's request that SMRAS carry \$5 million in insurance on Brinton: the town of Cortlandt agreed to give SMRAS \$450 to cover the additional premium and asked that it be stipulated that the trail be open to Cortlandt residents. Made motion that SMRAS enter into an agreement with Cortlandt for the insurance premium. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Also mentioned that he is waiting for an estimate for the Trimax necessary to replace the final section of the boardwalk at Pruyne. Announced that sanctuary worker Dean Mauro is leaving.

13. Appointment of Executive Committee--J. Pinerio appointed an executive committee, consisting of J. Anderson, S. Hartmann, R. Saravay, and M. Smolin, to (do what?)

14. New Business--R. Saravay (?) noted that hearings regarding erection of a footpath through the Jamaica Bay bird sanctuary would be held July 17.

S. Wecker asked for suggestions for next season's programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting will take place Thursday, September 7, at Chappaqua Library.

Betsy Wiesendanger

Recording Secretary

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