

**Saw Mill River Audubon  
Minutes  
Board of Directors Meeting  
October 22, 2001**

Richard Saravay, president called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Board members in attendance were: J. Anderson, J. Coffey, J. Epstein, S. Hartmann, J. Lunetta, J. Pinerio, H. Seduski, M. Smolin, R & S. Wecker. Also attending were A. Swaim, Naturalist and Education Director, L. Tchoblangolous, Community Relations Director and guest Debbie Andreas.

The **minutes for September 13** were discussed and accepted as amended. (attached)

**President's Report:** The president reviewed the mail. He made special comments on particular items: From the NY Fall Council Meeting, Pawling, NY, October 12-14, 2001; Three major issues - Centers, Annual Meeting & vacancy on State Board.

National Audubon has a new Chair for Community Centers, Tamar Chotzen. She brings freshness and enthusiasm and voiced the policy now promoted by NAS leadership to recognize the diversity of each chapter. Richard and others are looking forward to working with her. There are currently 12 centers open or in progress in New York State.

The next National Audubon meeting is to be held in NYC, December 7 - 9, 2001 at the Omni Berkshire Hotel at Madison and East 52 Street. Committee meetings are open to the public. Information regarding this will be provided at the next meeting.

There is a vacancy on the State Board. They are accepting nominations. Any one interested in learning more about the NYS Council can request a prepared statement explaining the history and mission from Anne.

Regarding the dredging of the Hudson River, there will be a copy of a letter to legislators, and to Christine Todd Whitman, Head of the EPA on our web site. Please check it out and send.

Regarding a Regional Council – At the last Westchester Council meeting, a Regional Council was discussed with the idea of broadening the collaboration among chapters. Chapters involved might include NYC, Putnam Highlands, Rockland, Orange Co and other Westchester chapters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Henry Seduski - see attached statement - Jan - Oct 15, 2001

**Budget Committee:** Jim Anderson — The budget committee will meet on Monday, November 19, 7:30 pm at Jim's house. He needs all recommendations/requests from committee chairs of anticipated needs by Monday, November 12.

**Finance Committee:** Rita Wecker - September 30 end of third quarter report will be presented next month. Value September 30 \$893,216 down 6.3% from Aug. 31.

**Positions still vacant** on our board are Recording Secretary and Nominations Committee Chair.

The second annual **Board Retreat** is Saturday, November 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. at the Community Bible Church, 301 Chadeayne Road, Yorktown. Donna Nye, former board member of SMRAS will moderate. A packet will be sent to each board member prior to the retreat.

**Education Committee:** Judy Epstein reported that they had a good meeting and a new member, Pat Mutolo. Anne and Lynn are working on information cards for parents to be sent home with students following school visits. Discuss re-evaluating scholarship program.

**Community Relations:** Lynn Tchoblangolous will be working on a chapter packet. She will be sending out a post card promoting our programs between newsletter mailings. Our chapter's 50th year anniversary is in 2003 - a special event should be planned. We need volunteers for both the Pruyn Celebration for 2002 and for the committee planning the 50th year celebration. Please contact Lynn. We registered 36 new members at the seed sale.

Jim Anderson reported on the **Bird Seed Sale**. To date we have a profit of over \$5,000 with an anticipated goal of over \$11,000 after continued sale of seed during the winter. In the future Jim needs more help. There needs to be more people sharing the various responsibilities of the sale.

Anne Swaim reported on her **education programs** from 9/14 - 10/19 (see attached). She made note that the average age has been rising. She also presented a draft (attached) of a roundtable for local Audubon chapters to be held on March 16, 2002, called "Lower Hudson Audubon Chapter Roundtable". The back of this flyer lists possible topics. Please rate your preferences from 1 to 10 and return to Anne by December 15, 2001.

Jeff Pinerio presented a **plan for Pruyn Sanctuary** (see attached) followed by a discussion. A motion was presented, seconded and unanimously approved. It was:

**RESOLVED**, that Jeff Pinerio can spend up to the amount of \$35,000 from the Selz grant in the implementation of the Pruyn Boardwalk expansion project as described in his memo of 10/22/2001. The initial cost and scope shall be reviewed with the chapter's president and treasurer prior to proceeding.

Martin Smolin presented a **memo of understanding** with the Hudson National Golf Course that was signed by Richard Saravay as president.

Meeting **adjourned** at 10:02 p.m.

The **next board meeting** is Monday, November 26 at the Chappaqua Library, drinks, treats & chat start at 7 with the meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Joan Coffey will provide refreshments.

**Directions to the Chappaqua Library-** From the Saw Mill River Parkway take Route 120, Chappaqua Exit. Turn south on Route 120 into Chappaqua. After crossing over bridge, bear right at fork, onto South Greeley Avenue. The Chappaqua Library is located on South Greeley Avenue, 1/4 mile ahead on the left side, opposite the New Castle Town Hall. Additional parking is available on the street and at the Town Hall.