

**Saw Mill River Audubon
Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2002**

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June 12th minutes accepted.

President's Report:

The President Richard Saravay called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm. The meeting was held at the Wecker home and the following board members were in attendance: H. Seduski, J. Anderson, J. Pinerio, S. Hartmann, R. Nathan, J. Coffey, R. McCrillis, R. Wecker, S. Wecker, M. Magel, J. Lunetta.

Staff in attendance: A. Swaim & L. Tchoblangolous.

Guest was Risa Lichter.

Although mailed the previous week, the minutes for our previous Board meeting of November 26, 2001 did not arrive at members' homes before this evening for review and approval.

The President reviewed mail and other meetings.

The summer bird count is in June and more coordination among Westchester chapters is being sought. Many areas within SMRA's territory are not represented. Anne Swaim will address coordination with Bedford Audubon and others.

The Westchester Council is planning a chapter roundtable to coordinate events and ideas - Saturday, March 23. This event will include Rockland, Putnam and other Westchester chapters. New York City Audubon is being contacted but has not responded yet. It will be held at the Community Bible Church - where we had our own chapter retreat.

Retreat Follow-Up: Several committees need to be formed:

1. Restructuring plan for birdseed sale and storage. There will be a meeting in March with Jim Anderson. He would like input on his comments in the Board packets before this meeting, which will be open to anyone interested. At our next meeting we will be informed of the exact date.
2. Establish a Community Relations & Development Committee - the members are Henry S., Jeff P., Stan W., Bob Mc. and Lynn T.
3. Committee to investigate and keep updated on an Audubon Center in our area
4. Overview Committee - core group to make sense of the retreat follow-up. Design the future of SMRAS and our relationship with National, will present a plan to move forward at our next Board meeting. Members are: Richard S., Stan W., Jeff P., Anne S., and Lynn T.

Our annual meeting will be held in Croton on Thursday, April 18.

Nominating Committee

Board candidates need to be nominated prior to approval by the Board. All Board members were asked by the President to recommend one candidate for the Board and email the name to the President by January 28.

Treasurer's Report

Henry S. distributed a report on the status of current cash holdings and the results for 2001 comparing expenses to the budget.

Community Relations and Development

Lynn T. gave her report - Her baby is due around May 9 and she will be working through April. She will be taking May, June and July off. August 1 is the dead line for newsletter items. She will be around focusing on grant work and corporate giving programs.

The committee working with Lynn on the golden anniversary is: Stan W., Sophie K., Midge A., Stan Lincoln and Carol Coggeshall.

The committee working with Lynn on the annual summer celebration is: Bob Mc., Jeff P., Joan C., Jo L., and Anne S.

Current Membership is 1,037

Naturalist's Report

Anne Swaim provided a brief overview of the schedule of educational events in the next few months and recent successful programs.

Finance Committee

Rita Wecker gave a brief and unofficial report of our endowment fund with a balance of \$901,495 at the end of 12/31/01.

Program Committee

Stan Wecker reported that the attendees' list for the annual awards brunch totals 39.

Sanctuaries Committee

A written report prepared by Martin Smolin regarding the sanctuaries was presented on his behalf. After discussion it was authorized to have Danny and Dean clean up the damage and clutter at Brinton Brook. The Board also authorized Martin to design signs for the perimeter of Brinton Brook for Board approval at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The next meeting is at the home of Henry Seduski, 10 Trials End, Chappaqua, February 11th, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Loretta-Jo Lunetta
Substitute one time secretary