

**Saw Mill Rive Audubon - Corrected Board Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2004 -Chappaqua Library**

**Present:** Jeanne Romeu, Jeff Pinerio, Stan Wecker, Rita Wecker, Jim Anderson, Jo Lunetta, Robert McCrillis, Ken Novenstern, Ilse Jorgensen, Lurline Arco, Karen Wells, Judy Epstein, and Anne Swaim.

**Minutes:** In the January minutes section on Sanctuaries, change “police will.....as flagmen” to “volunteers will serve as flagmen.” Jeanne Romeu moved to accept the minutes as amended, Jo Lunetta seconded.

**President’s Report:** Robert McCrillis presided in Richard Saravay’s absence. He reminded the Board of the Lower Hudson Chapter Roundtable which will take place on Sat. March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Bible Church from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All local chapters will be represented and it will be a good opportunity for an exchange of ideas. The spring NY Audubon Council meeting will be from March 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> and Richard will attend. A meeting of staff chapters on the east coast will be held in Philadelphia on March 20<sup>th</sup> and Anne will attend.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Report not given as the treasurer was away.

**Finance Committee:** Rita distributed hand outs. She reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2003. The balance on January 1, 2004 was \$818,204 which was 15% higher than it was one year ago. No additions have been made to the portfolio, but \$51,500 was removed from it. There was an excellent investment return for the year 2003 of 23.2%. The Finance Committee unanimously decided to invest in two class A American Funds which have a high rating. Our portfolio went up 1.7% from Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> because of the rise of the Dow.

**Community Relations:** Membership is currently at 735 with 635 national and 100 chapter-only members.

**Bird Seed Sale:** The January 10<sup>th</sup> sale made over \$1000. Ken, Lurline and Jo will work at the February 7<sup>th</sup> sale. Ken would like to change the accounting of the bird seed sales to the Quicken program. Someone would need training to work with it but the program could also be used for the chapter budget. Ellen could learn it too.

**Milne Bequest:** Richard signed the appropriate document. The lawyer, John Wolfsie, has stepped aside and has been replaced by Jim Leonardson. The target date for Audubon to receive its money is March, 2004.

**Goldsby Property Offer:** The transfer has taken place and Westchester Land Trust is the new owner.

**Sanctuaries Committee:** Ilse wants to have a meeting in March. Karen visited the potential garage site behind bldg. 26 at Amberlands Condominium and distributed photos of the site. She also visited Ken Verschoor, Dept. of Planning and Community Improvement. There is a public hearing tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at the Cortlandt Town Hall. We need to call people after the hearing to participate and support our position. She has also asked people on the Croton Planning Board to write a letter for us. Ken made a motion to authorize Karen to present her letter to the Town of Cortlandt Planning Board meeting. The motion was unanimously accepted.

**New Business:** None

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.  
Minutes taken by Judy Epstein