

**Saw Mill River Audubon—2007 Annual Meeting and Election Draft Minutes
Sunday, April 1, 2007, 6:30 p.m.
At the Travelers Rest Restaurant, Millwood**

Board Members Present: Robert McCrillis, presiding, Joan Coffey, Cori Cumming, Sally Dow, Philip Heidelberger, Bill Kellner, Sophie Keyes, Michael Madias, Tom McEnerney, Erika Miller, Ken Novenstern, Jeanne Romeu, Stanley Rosenthal, Richard Saravay, George Shakespear, Ponie Sheehan, Meredith Smith, Larry Trachtenberg. Staff: Anne Swaim, Executive Director; Ellen Heidelberger, Office Asst. There were 65 total in attendance at the annual meeting.

This annual business meeting was followed by a presentation by our 2006 Larry Light Scholarship recipient Harper Pack and a distinguished service award for Bill and Midge Arnold.

President Robert McCrillis called the meeting to order.

Minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting: Robert McCrillis introduced outgoing SMRA Secretary Jeanne Romeu, who said that the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting, held on April 9, 2006, were approved at the May 1, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting and that copies of the Annual Meeting minutes will be sent to members upon request. The Secretary moved that the present Annual Meeting's minutes shall be read at the next chapter Board meeting on May 7, 2007 and the motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Robert McCrillis introduced Treasurer Tom McEnerney to present a brief overview of the Society's finances in 2006. Tom gave a brief summary and noted that copies are available at the SMRA office upon request during regular office hours.

President's Report: Robert McCrillis gave an overview of SMRA events and achievements in 2006, including new sanctuary road signs, interpretative trail signs at Pruyn, two new kiosks at Pruyn, a successful Pruyn Celebration, and comments on preliminary planning for a new building or extension of existing building at Pruyn.

Election of Officers and Board Members: Robert McCrillis read the current slate of Officers: President, Robert McCrillis; Vice President, George Shakespear; Chairman of the Board, Richard Saravay; Treasurer, Thomas McEnerney; Recording Secretary, Patricia Foy; Historian, Sophie Keyes; and also the nominees for Directors for Term Expiring 2010: Ed Bezursik; Cori Cumming; Thomas McEnerney; George Shakespear; and Meredith Smith.

Robert McCrillis then announced that the floor is open for additional nominations for Board or Officer Positions. George Shakespear nominated Patricia Foy, Jean Sparacin, and Rik Kaufman for the term expiring 2010, and Margo Peters, for the term expiring 2008. Robert McCrillis asked and received a second on this nomination. The motion passed. The nominees had already accepted their nominations via correspondence. Robert McCrillis then announced that with 150 proxy votes received for the current slate, and with George Shakespear and Robert McCrillis present to vote those proxies for the new nominations, the amended slate was deemed to have been elected. He congratulated all Board members and asked all present Officers and Board Members to stand.

Other Business: Robert McCrillis asked if there was any other business, and also mentioned that one or more openings remain for the Trinidad trip to be held the last week in April.

Adjournment: President Robert McCrillis announced that all annual meeting business was completed and asked for a motion to adjourn the 2007 Annual Meeting of Saw Mill River Audubon. The motion was offered, seconded and carried.

The April 1, 2007 Annual Meeting minutes were recorded by Jeanne Romeu.