

**Saw Mill River Audubon Draft Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 7, 2010 – Annual Picnic**  
Held at Senasqua Park, Croton-on-Hudson, NY

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Board members present:** Robert McCrillis, presiding; Joan Coffey, Sally Dow, Nick Fischer, Phil Heidelberger, Bill Kellner, Donna Lassiter, Valerie Lyle, Michael Madias Jr., Joanne McAuley, Tom McEnerney, Ken Novenster, Nina Romanoff, Jeanne Romeu, Richard Saravay, George Shakespear, Ponie Sheehan, Christine Smith, Jean Sparacin and Larry Trachtenberg. Anne Swaim, Executive Director, was also present.

**Absent:** Rik Kaufman

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 board meeting were accepted as presented.

**President's Report - Robert McCrillis**

Board roster was handed out – please put in your board handbook.

We received a copy of New York Birders' Newsletter, which was circulated. Past editions are in the office.

**Community Relations and Development** Please read June Report prepared by Barbara Campbell and Ellen Heidelberger. Report shows membership is up and donations from the spring annual appeal are at \$4,250 through June 4.

**Treasurer's Report - Tom McEnerney**

A brief overview of income and expenses through May 31, 2010 was given. Revenue is above budget because of Con Ed grant. Seed sale profits are worse than expected. Donations normal. Sanctuary expenses are \$1,500 over budget due to extensive storm damage. See report for details.

**Finance Committee - Phil Heidelberger**

"May was an ugly month." As of June 1, 2010 the portfolio balance was \$735,225, a decrease of \$8,499 (-1.1%) for the year. For the month of May, the portfolio declined \$55,216 (7%), including \$8,000 in withdrawals. For the year, there have been \$26,000 in withdrawals from the endowment and \$20,000 in additions.

**Executive Director's Report - Anne Swaim**

**2011 Trip** We are looking at Costa Rica again. Questions raised are: Do we want to go earlier (January, February or March) instead of our usual April? Should the trip be a 6-day or 8/9-day trip?

**Interns:** Our four high school interns completed their work assignments at the end of May.

**2010-2011 Field Trip Schedule:** We are thinking about going back to planning field trips for the full year.

**Deer Question** A subcommittee of the board will consider this question through email during the summer. This group will prepare a suggested policy for the board and gather and summarize relevant reports for the board to consider in the fall.

**Sanctuary Committee - Michael Madias, Jr.**

Sanctuaries Committee meeting will be Monday, June 21, at 7pm at the same church as our board meetings.

**Deer Enclosure** – completed installation at Pruyn. Applause for Michael and Nick. Donna will be doing an inventory of what is growing inside the enclosure for comparison later on.

**Newsletter - Bill Kellner**

The deadline for the next issue is August 1. Requesting topics to use for the "Con Ed" column.

**Bird Seed Sales – Ken Novenster**

A committee meeting will be held in the coming weeks to plan for the 2010-2011 sale year. We made \$500 at last weekend's sale.

**Publicity – George Shakespear**

We sent out 2 press releases on our events. Press releases on our activities go out to 30-35 contacts in local newspapers, blogs, etc. If anyone knows of additional contacts let George know.

**Hospitality – Sally Dow, Joan Coffey and Jean Sparacin**

Dates of 2010-11 Board Meetings are: September 13, October 4, November – committees meet, December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 3 (Annual Dinner), May 2, and June 6 (Picnic). Please let Committee know if you can bring refreshments to any meeting.

**New Business**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Minutes were recorded by Joanne McAuley, Secretary.