

Saw Mill River Audubon Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 24, 2013
Held at Senasqua Park, Croton, NY

Present (in bold): Robert McCrillis, presiding, Christine McCluskey, Richard Saravay, Brian Kluepfel, secretary, Tom McEnerney, Joan Coffey, Sally Dow, Nick Fischer, Philip Heidelberger, Shirl Kaplan, Rik Kaufman, William Kellner, Donna Lassiter, Valerie Lyle, Michael Madias, Jr., Joanne McAuley, Ken Novenstern, Nina Romanoff, Ponie Sheehan, Jean Sparacin, Larry Trachtenberg, Donna Lee Ubertalli, Joan Wyly. Anne Swaim was present as Executive Director. Several picnic guests remained for the board meeting.

A quorum was present and the meeting began at 7:30 pm following the annual picnic.

Minutes from the May 6, 2013 Board Meeting were approved.

President's Report (Robert McCrillis)

The Raptors Uncorked event was a financial success and improved our outreach into the community with many new faces in attendance. DePrez Wines in Croton will give SMRA a percentage of new sales of the wines served at the picnic if the buyer mentions SMRA.

Community Relations and Development:

See handout for report.

Finance Committee (Phil Heidelberger)

The balance as of June 1, 2013 was \$928,954 an increase of 6.7% year-to-date, and 0.3% for the month of May. As of June 24, there have been \$24,000 in withdrawals from the endowment during 2013.

Hospitality: Thanks to all who brought the delicious food for the picnic and to Jean Sparacin for organizing the pot luck. Thanks also to Rudy Fasciani for presiding over the grill.

New Business: Bonnie Talluto was recognized for her generous and exemplary volunteer service to SMRA in the past year staffing the Project Feeder Watch on weekends at Croton Point. She was presented with a gift book.

The meeting was adjourned early at 7:50 due to approaching thunderstorm.

One pending agenda issue -- the board vote on the election ballot for the Audubon Council of New York -- will be circulated via email.

Minutes taken by Brian Kluepfel, Secretary