

March 14, 1968

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS was held on March 14, 1968 at the home of Mrs. Bruce Miller. Present were Messrs. Messiah, Holmes, Spendelow, Kayser, Lincoln, Osborn and Mesdames Anderson, Holmes, Miller and Koste.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of February 29 as follows: Regular fund - \$3,345.82, Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$1,789.08.

Mrs. Holmes presented the proposed 1968-69 budget for discussion and it was decided the appropriation for the monies from the Pruyn fund be spelled out in more detail to avoid confusion in interpretation. Catherine Holmes moved that the budget be adopted. Seconded by Howard Spendelow, motion was carried.

Conservation: Mrs. Coggeshall was unable to be present at the meeting but sent various communications which were read. The Federated Conservationists of Westchester advised their activities included establishing a program to gain the appointment of Conservation Advisory Councils in as many towns as possible, a seminar on solid waste disposal, a meeting on mass transportation to be held March 30, the credit course in conservation being offered through BOCES, and plans for a 50 mile hiking and horseback riding trail using the Croton aqueduct and the old New York Central right-of-way.

A letter from Edwin Michaelian was read which announced a play to be given at Marymount College on March 14 dramatizing the pure waters program.

Mr. Messiah read the statement given by Mrs. Coggeshall at the hearings on the Hudson River Expressway which represented the concern of the Sawmill River Audubon Society for preservation of historic and natural resources.

Discussion ensued as to whether we want to remain members of the Federated Conservationists and every other organization that comes along. Mrs. Miller suggested we have a policy stating our position in these matters and Mr. Holmes was elected to work it up. Stan Lincoln made a motion, seconded by Kaye Anderson that we send the Federated Conservationists a donation of \$15 and ask that they accept this as a donation in lieu of membership, and the motion was carried.

Membership: Lester Holmes announced a total membership of 409.

Gedney Brook - Mr. Messiah read a letter to the Board from Mr. Donald Benedict offering 2.146 acres of land to our society and mentioned that if we act promptly we can escape the tax this year. Mr. Holmes made a motion that Mr. Donald Benedict's offer of 2.146 acres on Millwood Road be accepted and that he be so notified. Seconded by Florence Miller, motion was carried. Mr. Brisson will be contacted by Mr. Messiah to set up the wording in the deed.

Mr. Spendelow announced he has started a bird banding program and to date has banded about 70 birds.

Brinton Brook - Mr. Holmes reported that a Mr. Schaub was interested in going through the sanctuary and Mr. Haas should contact him.

Thurber - no report.

Chernick - Will Osborn has met three times with a Boy Scout working on an Eagle project. He had brought 5 boys and their scoutmaster to the sanctuary and they had worked on trails.

Fennell Collection: Material has been moved to Leon Nettleton's home and the committee will meet Saturday. Report will be made to the board as to disposition of the various items.

Junior Audubon - Mrs. Holmes announced the bird chart had been taken to Miss Gaudette's class and the children enjoyed it immensely.

Long Range Planning - Mr. Lincoln announced the committee had met and had the advice of Lew Bowen on fund raising. He suggested they wait until the fall to launch the drive. Mr. Lincoln made a motion to move up the fund drive from spring to fall. Seconded by Lester Holmes, motion was carried. Stan Lincoln also moved that we ask Hugh Moore to be the general chairman of the fund drive. Seconded by Florence Miller, motion was carried.

We now have the task of hiring a part time naturalist, and a sanctuary director must also be found to whom the naturalist may report.

Miscellaneous: It has come to light that Leon Nettleton would be very glad to go to the Federated Bird Clubs convention in Rochester. In view of the fact there will be no national convention this year, Stan Lincoln made a motion, seconded by Kaye Anderson that we invite Mr. Nettleton to represent our society at the Federated Bird Clubs convention in Rochester with a \$50 contribution toward his expenses. It was mentioned there is a man in Dobbs Ferry who is on their board of directors and perhaps we should invite him to one of our meetings.

Howard Spendelow stated we should have a resolution of appreciation from the board of directors for any lecturers who give their time gratis.

Florence Miller announced she had requests for applications from 13 people for Audubon Scholarships

Mr. Messiah announced the nominating committee consists of Dr. Wayne Frair, as chairman, and Rev. Robert Patterson and Velma Cypher. Mr. Lincoln made a motion, seconded by Will Osborn that the board elect them as the official nominating committee.

Respectfully submitted,

With a vote of thanks to the Millers for their hospitality, meeting adjourned at 11:00. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Lincoln.

Kay Koste, Recording Secretary