

January 9, 1969

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS was held on Jan. 9, 1969 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway. Members present were Messrs. Messiah, Ridgeway, Lincoln, Holmes, Powell and Osborn and Mesdames Ridgeway, Messiah, Holmes, Curnen, Smith, Coggeshall and Koste. Mrs. Kaye Anderson also attended.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand for Dec. 31 of \$2,786.05 and a balance in the Sanctuary Fund of \$5,433.92. Receipts from the drive to date were \$4,617.00 from 92 members.

The Board was asked to empower the committee to look into the possible gains of changing the Sanctuary bank account from the County Trust at 4% to some other bank where we might get a higher rate of interest. Mrs. Holmes will report on her findings at the next meeting. The next budget should be set up to take care of general expenses on a monthly basis.

Mr. Holmes mentioned that Mr. Brisson had said he did not want to be reimbursed for any of his services.

Thelma Smith reported that Pleasantville High School has an addressograph that will fit our plates and someone there would be willing to do our addressing on their machine. She had looked into prices of mimeograph machines for doing the Bulletin, but it was decided we would continue with our present procedures until the committee finds alternative satisfactory means.

Mr. Lincoln made a motion, seconded by Mr. Messiah, that we hold our Annual Meeting on April 18 at 8:15 at Roselle Avenue School.

Conservation: Mrs. Coggeshall reported that Westmoreland Sanctuary had acquired more land, and that Scott Deerolf had resigned. The Conservation Committee has two new members, Mrs. Donald Lindsey of Chappaqua and Mrs. Gerald Weiler of Briarcliff. One meeting has been held to prepare material for the next bulletin.

A statement was made at a hearing held by the Army Corps of Engineers in Ossining on January 6th on the Hudson River Expressway. The specific subject was the necessary permit to dredge and fill in the River, and its effect on navigation, natural resources, including fish and wildlife and recreational aspects. Our statement emphasized the need for a better understanding of estuarine areas and the two laws passed recently which provide for studies and inventories to be made of the nation's estuaries: The Estuarine Areas Act and the Clean Waters Restoration Act.

The Road Review League, a group which was created to fight Route 87, has now evolved into the Planning Association of Northern Westchester, Inc. It hopes to hire a professional staff and to stimulate imaginative means for meeting the future growth of the area within the framework of a comprehensive regional plan. It hopes to assist other groups and organizations and also governmental boards.

The N. Y. State Legislative session began this week. One of the issues which may come up during the session is the possibility of damming the Hudson in the Adirondacks for water supply for New York City. This might involve a constitutional amendment as it is in the forest preserve area.

Membership: Mr. Holmes announced a total of 425 members.

Kaye Anderson reported putting up a display for Audubon in the Mount Pleasant Library which will be up for two weeks. Paul Friese, County Naturalist, gave a program at Westchester Community College and has worked up a directory of sanctuaries of Westchester County and Brinton Brook and Gedney are included, with instructions that teachers are to contact us.

Junior Audubon: Mrs. Curnen is active with her local group and is starting more groups in her school.

Chernick: Will Osborn reported the level of ice is high due to the cold weather.

Brinton Brook: Leon Nettleton said Brinton Brook was in fine shape and Mr. Haas has put new signs up.

Mr. Lincoln stated the members' participation program is all set, with contributions from Will Osborn, Alice Ryan and Sune Engelbrekson. He mentioned we need a new publicity chairman to replace Kaye Anderson and Thelma Smith suggested Dot Kinamon. Also new program chairmen are needed to start the plans early for next year's programs. Discussion ensued as to the replacement of board members who do not attend, and Mr. Holmes suggested that Mr. Brisson be asked to serve on the Board.

Mr. Manypenny has informed us he will be unable to handle the paid program this year.

It was suggested we abandon the practice of selling fruit cakes next year.

Scholarship: Mrs. Messiah reported she has recently sent out letters and is beginning to get material in shape. Donald Aab should be contacted since he was unable to use his scholarship last year.

Mr. Lincoln said we should give a note of appreciation to Dot Kenney for doing all the addressing for us at Grasslands. Motion was made by Mary Curnen, seconded by Thelma Smith, that we do so.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes. With thanks to the Ridgeways for their hospitality, meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Koste
Recording Secretary