

June 13, 1969

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS Inc. was held June 13, 1969 at the home of Stan Lincoln. Members present were Messrs. Lincoln, Nettleton, Holmes, Haas, Ridgeway and Osborn, and Mesdames Ridgeway, Holmes, Koste and Coyle. Also attending were Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Lober, Miss Braidwood and Mr. Wecker.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of May 31, 1969 of \$3,116.03 and in the Sanctuary Endowment Fund \$5,544.32.

Mr. Lincoln read a communication from Mrs. Holmes informing us that this would make final her term of Treasurer as soon as her replacement is obtained. He stated that the Board may elect an officer to fill any term of a Board member. Mrs. Holmes nominated Miss Jean Braidwood to fill the office of Treasurer. Seconded by Mrs. Ridgeway, motion was carried. Miss Braidwood was elected unanimously for the position of Treasurer.

Mr. Lincoln called for a resolution putting on record our deep appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Holmes for her extremely capable performance of the duties of the Society Treasurer for 11 years. Motion was made by Mr. Nettleton and seconded by Mrs. Ridgeway.

Mrs. Holmes announced that authorization is necessary to allow the President and Treasurer to sign checks. Mr. Haas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holmes that it be so authorized that either/or the President and Treasurer will be able to sign checks to transact business for the Society.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter to George Porter of National Audubon informing him of our new Treasurer and asking him to see that proper people are notified. Copy of this letter is appended to these minutes.

Executive Committee for the summer will consist of:

Regarding an easement at Gedney Brook, our deed to the Sanctuary conveys to us approximately 16 acres together with all right, title and interest if any in and to a 52 ft. strip, which a Mr. and Mrs. Deveau questioned through their lawyer. Mrs. Holmes had met with Mr. Brisson, who recommended that Dr. Pruyn's intention was that we have access to this area and that we should not surrender this egress. Mrs. Holmes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nettleton, that we do not surrender the easement to our sanctuary property. Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Kayser, Mr. Nettleton and Mr. Holmes had traversed this strip on June 10 to show that we are making use of this easement. Mr. Nettleton suggested making this the responsibility of the Sanctuary Chairman each year. Mr. Brisson will reply to the lawyer and Mrs. Holmes will convey to him the action of the Board. Mr. Lincoln will send a letter to the Deveaus expressing our reaction in a nice way and will check with Mr. Brisson first.

Mr. Nettleton reported on his attendance at the Federated Bird Clubs Convention at Cortland. He also mentioned that they had voted against construction of an atomic plant in the Finger Lakes region, and that the Conservation Council had strong impact on the New York State Legislature.

Mr. Nettleton said the Bulletin was now in process and that having things addressed at the Pleasantville High School was working out very well. Mr. Lincoln asked for a committee to think about the bulletin problem with regard to some of the technical questions and to bring recommendations to the September meeting. Mrs. Ridgeway, Mrs. Coyle and Mr. Nettleton agreed to act as such a committee.

Mr. Lincoln asked for help in getting out the Directory. Mr. Holmes will act as Chairman of the committee, with Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Koste to assist if Miss Pickard does not wish to work on it again.

Mrs. Anderson gave the year-end report for Sanctuary activities, copy of which is attached to these minutes. She said she had spent a total of 211 hours' time.

Mr. Holmes moved that Kaye Anderson be rehired to serve as Naturalist for the next year. Seconded by Mr. Nettleton, motion was carried. Mr. Nettleton commented that Mrs. Anderson had done a fine job, using what resources and the use of what schools was available.

Mr. Osborn reported on the shoulder patches. Mrs. Coyle made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Ridgeway, that we order the quantity of 228 @ 44¢ of the 3" size. Mr. Nettleton made, the motion, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that we sell them at 50¢ apiece. Mrs. Ridgeway will handle the details. The Board expressed appreciation to Mr. Osborn for his fine work.

Brinton Brook - Mr. Haas reports that the trails are clear and the grass will be cut next week. He is concerned about the possible building of an apartment house on the northwest side of the sanctuary near the power line, and the possible rezoning for an industrial park, and thought perhaps we should let George Porter know.

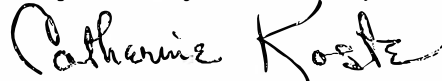
Meetings have been held to plan field trips and program schedules for next year, and Dr. Engelbrecktsen has agreed to do our paid program in November.

Membership - Mr. Holmes announced a total of 450 members.

In absence of conservation chairman, no report.

With thanks to the Lincolns, meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Koste
Recording Secretary

August 18, 1969

Mr. George Porter
National Audubon Society
1130 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Porter:

I am writing for the Board of Directors of the Sawmill River Audubon Society, Inc. to report a change in our Treasurer. Mrs. Lester C. Holmes, who has been our Treasurer for 11 years, resigned this Spring and at our Board meeting in June we elected Miss Jean Braidwood to succeed her. Since that time Miss Braidwood has been married and her name is now

Mrs. Fred Weiss
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Would you be kind enough to change your records, and pass this information on to any other channels that might be concerned.

Sincerely,

Pauline K. J.

Recording Secretary