



September 10, 1970

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS, Inc. was held September 10, 1970 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kayser. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Kayser, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. Wecker, Messrs. Lincoln, Messiah, Abb and Osborn and Mesdames Smith, Curnen, Kinaman, Coyle and Koste.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved with additions.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of August 31, 1970 of \$2,948.80 and in the Sanctuary Fund \$5,628.01.

Membership: Mr. Holmes reported a total of 795 members.

President Kayser announced that the annual walk through Gedney Brook to keep our agreement in order had been taken by him and Kaye Anderson. He declared the summer executive Board Committee for emergencies dissolved as no meeting had been required during the summer months. He reminded members that the first field trip would be on Sunday, Sept. 12 to Riis Park and Jamaica Bay and the field trip schedule for the year would appear in the directory.

Mr. Lincoln brought up the matter of increasing Mrs. Anderson's salary this year, as had been discussed at the Budget Committee's meeting last Spring and an additional \$200 had been allocated in this year's budget. He asked for discussion on this point and the Board voiced approval for an increase. Motion was made by Mr. Lincoln, seconded by Mrs. Holmes, that the Naturalist's salary be increased to \$1650 per year effective September 1, 1970. Motion was carried and Mr. Kayser added we should include appreciation for her efforts.

Mr. Lincoln stated that the new directory was expected to be ready for mailing within a week. The directory has been expanded in content with more information about our history and activities, and some copies with the names and addresses will run to 36 pages, others to 20 pages without the names of all the members. Printing will run to 35¢ and 20¢ apiece. Mrs. Wecker secured the services of Readers' Digest to put our names and addresses on a punch card master list. Dr. Wecker added that we extend thanks to Stan and Ginny Lincoln for putting the directory together.

Rita Wecker reported on the Fair, which will be our October program meeting and is set for Sunday, October 18. She had had two organizational meetings and was planning a third. She showed us the poster which will be used and of which 2000 have been printed. The official logo for the Fair was designed by Will Osborn and will be used on stationery and the program cover. Publicity is to start next week and supplementary releases will go out later on individual topics. Many conservation groups have been asked to participate and responses so far have come in from 26 of them, each group to supply their own booth and display. Plans are for 75 booths in all. She briefly discussed other plans for the Fair, which include an animal exhibit from the Bronx Zoo, pony rides, auction sale, white elephant sale, bake sale, merchandise of various types, a steel band, a school band, singers and speakers, movies on environment and pollution, pesticide information, contests for posters and decorated trash cans, and booths for the Sawmill River Audubon and its membership. Giveaways will include Guidelines and Readers Digest reprints on the environmental theme. A harvest dinner will be served which will be under the supervision and direction of the Readers' Digest dietitian, and left over food will be donated to nearby institutions. Pace College is supplying us with a 9 ft. ecology flag, and Will Osborn showed us the SMRAS emblem in its large size.

Mr. Lincoln, Chairman of the Site Committee, will look into the matters of police protection, insurance, fire protection, etc. He said the Earth Day Coalition group in New York is giving us the material to construct 90 booths of internal plywood. Parking will be at the Digest lots and they will run buses to take people back and forth. Stan Wecker asked if someone had a 16 millimeter camera to take pictures of the fair, and Jackie Coyle will run a request in the Bulletin. Stan Wecker suggested we give free memberships to a few of the people who are working very hard on the Fair as a show of our appreciation, with the hope that they will join next year. Dave Kayser suggested we make this decision after the Fair.

Field trips: Thelma Smith announced that field trips would be described in the Bulletin. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway are in charge of the field trip to Cape Cod on Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Rooms will be available at the Town Crier's Motel in North Eastham.

Mr. Kayser reported that \$50 had been paid to the bank's lawyer in the transfer of the Allison property to Gedney Brook. He had had a letter from National Audubon instructing us to contact them and a lawyer before entering into any legal negotiations.

Dr. Wecker disclosed the theme of the Boy Scouts of America will be conservation and ecology and they want projects for Scout groups. He suggested that many parks and sanctuaries need work and asked for the authority to give Dave Kayser's name for contacts for supervision of any work done in ours. Mr. Lincoln's name should be given for permission and consideration as to what projects we would OK. Since Scouts and Scout leaders will be using Guidelines, as well as other groups, it was decided that we will print up 5000 to 10,000 more, and the Board was in agreement that we spend approximately \$200 for printing up these additional copies.

Stan Wecker expressed his concern about spraying and pesticide issues and thought we should set up our own study group, but any public position the society might want to take would have to be approved by the Board.

Mr. Messiah, reporting for Grace, announced letters of thanks from Audubon scholarship recipients.

The October Board meeting would be held at Mrs. Curnen's home on October 1. With thanks to the Kaysers for their hospitality, meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Recording Secretary