

October 1, 1970

A meeting of the Board of Directors of SMRAS, Inc. was held October 1, 1970 at the home of Mary Curnen. Present were Dr. and Mrs. Wecker, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway, Messrs. Abb, Osborn and Messiah, and Mesdames Curnen, Anderson, Weiss, Smith, Kinaman, Koste and Coyle.

In the absence of President Kayser, Vice President Wecker presided. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand as of September 30, 1970 of \$2,689.98 and in the Sanctuary Fund \$5,690.51.

In the absence of Mr. Holmes, there was no official membership report. (Through a telephone call on Oct. 7, Mr. Holmes' report was 850 members.)

Field trips: There will be a trip to Hawk Mountain in November, and Thelma Smith suggested a local trip for hawks. Mrs. Ridgeway reported on the Cape Cod field trip. Twelve people participated and sighted a total of 87 species.

Kaye Anderson reported that the hawk she cared for last year had been found dead. She presented her report of activities for last year with her time totaling 382 hours. She is working with scout work and Teatown Reservation. She had talked with Mr. Taylor at Rosedale, who has offered hemlocks and white pines at a 10% discount, and thought this might be a way to spend some of the money Mrs. Prun is worried about.

Dr. Wecker gave some of the communications received by Dave Kayser: Guidelines had been shown at the Convention of Bird Clubs. The Onandaga Audubon Society incorporated in 1964 requested a copy of our By-Laws as a help in revising their own, and our suggestions for handling real estate, etc. Motion was made by Thelma Smith, seconded by Bee Ridgeway that we send them a copy of our By-Laws and any other material that might be of help. The Hudson River Valley Audubon group requested that we exchange bulletins with them. Mr. Kayser is to write them offering our good wishes and our assistance in any possible way. The Green Ribbon Panel is working to save Jamaica Bay and will have a meeting in New York. The National Academy of Sciences is writing a report to come out in December on a concerted move to save Jamaica Bay. There will also be a booth at the Fair on saving Jamaica Bay. There is a program for school groups to use Jamaica Bay and they need volunteers to help. A letter from Edward Somers of Albany County Audubon Society suggested forming a Council of New York State Audubon Societies which would give us an official voice through which we can speak on statewide matters, a channel for information between chapters and a way to encourage new ones. The secretary was instructed to write to National for a list of their members in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties who are members of National but not affiliated with any local chapter. Mr. Kayser will meet with Mr. Somers for further discussion of this Council. Will Osborn stated we will accept a resolution voicing approval in principle of a statewide council of Audubon Societies and ask President Kayser to do whatever he can in preliminary meetings to explore this and bring it to our attention.

It was disclosed that the Nettletons have retired. The Board thought a resolution should be drawn to express appreciation and also to honor them at a social function of some sort. Willis Messiah will write the resolution, and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Curnen will serve as the committee to plan the affair.

A report from Carol Coggeshall indicated a meeting of the Pesticide Study Group. They are to get evidence from various sources and write a report to present to Commissioner Pound suggesting alternatives to spraying the county with Sevin.

Jean Weiss said her response to the Pete Seeger tickets in the Bulletin had been 131 tickets so far. The seating capacity is 850.

Program: Mrs. Wecker asked to reopen the issue of a meeting place for the Christmas Tea, when we will have a program by Jean George, in view of our increased membership. She will contact the Methodist Church in Pleasantville, and others if that is not available. Dr. Wecker thought we should give her a year's membership and two complimentary tickets to the Pete Seeger program in view of the fact that she is not charging us an honorarium. He also thought free memberships should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gass and Joan Burchell in recognition of their tremendous efforts on behalf of the Fair. Motion was made by Mary Curnen, seconded by Jackie Coyle, that these three free memberships be awarded as well as the tickets to Jean George.

Mrs. Wecker reported we are getting an additional 10,000 copies of Guidelines printed free of charge, showing an updated pesticide list and detergent list. Wallet sized copies will be printed to be ready for the Fair at a cost of \$82.00.

Motion was made by Jackie Coyle, seconded by Thelma Smith, to send President Kayser to the National Audubon dinner in November.

Mrs. Wecker announced we now have 50 organizations who will put up booths at the Fair, and their will be demonstrations on an electric car, sheep shearing, dog obedience, etc. for a total of 98 activities. Mr. Michaelian is to declare October 18 as Fair Earth Day. Two large tents 40' x 80' are available. U.N. families have been invited and we will offer to meet their train. Publicity is well under way in many areas.

President Kayser had asked for meeting places for the Board meetings and the following schedule was tentatively set: November: Kaye Anderson's; December - Jackie Coyle's; January - the Weckers; February - the Holmes; March - the Ridgeways; April - the Messiahs; May - Stan Lincoln's, and June - Carol Coggeshall's.

With thanks to Mrs. Curnen for her hospitality, meeting adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Recording Secretary