

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 8, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Carol Coggeshall at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Catherine Weiler. Present were Mmes. Weiler, Reiss, Anderson, and Rubin, and Mrs. Mrstik, McLean, Spindelov, Abb, Curtis, and Fanko. Absent were Mmes. Patterson, Ridgeway, Lober, Hartmann, and Smith, and Mrs. wecker and Hulme. Guests were Mmes. Brown and Metzler.

The minutes were approved as read.

The balance of SMRAS was \$3,490.97. The Sanctuary Fund had \$14,671.63. endowment. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund had \$599.3e.

President's Report:

1. NAS has revised parts of its membership rate policy.
2. The Weddies have given SMRAS 1.3 acres adjacent to Murtfeldt Sanctuary. The new boundary will be determined and will be posted.
3. The Scholarship Committee sent out its annual letter in cooperation with Hudson Valley Audubon Society.
4. Tax exemption for the recent additions to Murtfeldt and Choate sanctuaries must be obtained.
5. It was agreed that the liability insurance policy should be foreign coverage and should be written according to the manual. Advice on insurance for Audubon activities is expected from NAS through Richard Rhindress, regional representative.
6. Plans for program meetings were discussed, including the possibility of another wolf program.
7. The Board requested more information before acting on Ken Barnhart's recommendation to invest in liquid assets instead of savings certificates.
8. Fund drive - The Board expressed thanks to Dick Mrstik and Bob Brown for producing the brochure. 4,000 copies were ^{ordered} One contribution of \$250 has been received, with an additional \$250 pledged.
9. It was agreed that Board meetings should be held on the first Thursday of the month, and it was agreed to make the change in May.
10. We will try to have the assessment on Thurber Sanctuary reduced. Len Feyser had reported that it was impossible to get boundary lines on ^{Thurber}
11. The oevoes have asked for help in determining the boundary with their property adjacent to Gedney Brook Sanctuary.
12. crew Fanko will continue to work on arrangements for a IRAC meeting to which the PRC Commissioner would be invited.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Pamela V. Rubin
Recording Secretary