

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 12, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Carol Coggeshall at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Brown. Present were Mmes. Anderson, Smith, Weiler, Lober, Patterson, Brown, Hartman, and Rubin, and Mrs. Wecker, Arstik, McLean, and Spendelow. Absent were Mmes. Ridgeway and Weiss, and Mrs. Abb, Panko, Curtis, and Hulme. Guests were Mmes. Brown and Montain, and Mrs. Barnhart, Daniels, and Brown.

The minutes were approved as corrected. The new Board will decide the date of Board meetings.

The balance of SMRAS was \$2,792.68. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund had \$15,113.11. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund had \$614.37.

President's Report:

1. The NYS Dept. of Conservation wants help locating areas with special fish or wildlife habitats.
2. The Biology Dept. of NYU wants information about the breeding habits of salamanders. Kaye Anderson is helping.
3. Audubon Woodcraft has feeders and nesting boxes for sale for fundraising.
4. Carol Coggeshall wrote letters in protest of a park planned for the aqueduct in Ossining. Because of questions raised, Carol will get more information.
5. The Citizens Committee for Protection of the Environment requested a contribution to their legal fund for intervention against Con Ed at Buchanan. Stan Wecker moved that no contribution be made but that we put the information in our bulletin. The motion was seconded and carried.
6. The assessment on Thurber Sanctuary was reduced by two-thirds.
7. The IRS agreed to consent on a penalty of \$390 for failure of the NCIC to file papers last year. Carl Schmidt sent SMRAS the money in case it is needed.
8. Our insurance coverage has been raised. Richard Amundson sent an insurance sheet. Mr. Forbes advised that we do not need additional general liability insurance.
9. A WAC meeting will be held on a Saturday in late March or early April.
10. Marta Constanza is investigating a fill project in the river at some borough station.

Committee Reports:

1. Scholarship - Barbara Patterson has received about a dozen completed applications.
2. Membership - Lois Lober reported 835 ^{memberships}
3. Finance - Ken Barnhart recommended keeping existing savings bank certificates and investing in utility preferred stocks for a slightly higher rate of return. Treasury notes were mentioned in discussion.
4. Fund drive - Charlie Daniels outlined his plan for the campaign. The central campaign committee consists of Charlie, Dick Arstik for public relations, and Alec Reid for corporate contributions. Ken Barnhart will be the financial advisor and Jean Weiss the treasurer. A secretarial coordinator is needed. There will be four area coordinators for the town committees. A special board meeting will be held on February 17 for planning.
5. Hospitality - Edith Hartmann asked about plans for New Castle Community

Day at which we will have another chess match.

6. Field trips - Thelma Smith gave information about two forthcoming trips.
7. Naturalist - Kaye Anderson appeared before 7,532 children in 1975, including 2,780 who saw bird programs. Kaye, Stan Wecker, and Lois Lober will plan activities for youngsters interested in natural sciences.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Pamela V. Rubin
Recording Secretary