

SMRAS Board Meeting  
June 10 • 1976

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:45 p.m. at the home of Carol Coggeshall. The following members were present: Coggeshall, Wiltse, Weiler, Panko, Metzler, McGrath, Gillette, Anderson, Smith, Patterson, Mountain and Hartman.

The minutes were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report for the month ending May 31, 1976, was SMRAS balance - \$3,538.14; Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$15,377.09; Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund \$647.07.

Thelma Shithmo voted that the report of the auditing committee be accepted. Seconded and approved.

It was decided that the September meeting be held the 2nd Thursday at the home of Isabel Mountain.

Mrs. Holmes reports that the sale of publications is no longer profitable and has suggested we find a new project to earn money.

Barbara Patterson moved that the summer executive committee consist of six people:

Mrstik, Coggeshall, Wiltse, Brown, Jacoby and Weiler. Seconded and approved. The President reported that the National Organization is concerned about the tax status of a Connecticut Chapter and reminded the Board at a 110n-pref: l=+, ergam. on spend only 5/1, f<1i> d.O Og. According to a letter received from Dick Rhindre@s • CA', requirement. a of not.-for-profit corporation law.

A discussion of problems of solid waste sites led to a decision to wait and watch.

It was decided to pay Kaye Anderson's way to the Regional Conference. She has been invited to participate.

Barbara Patterson reported on Brinton Brook sanctuary. The lawyer has a statement sent to the planning board concerning the buffer zone. His bill will be sent to National per offer to pay half, Also the floor of the cabin will need repairs. She suggested that winners of scholarships to Summer Audubon workshops be more carefully selected to avoid drop-outs and that maybe half scholarships would be better.

No decision has been made in the Gasparini hearing on dredging at Playlands.

Drew Panko moved that the President be authorized to sign a letter in the name of SMRAS at his discretion in the matter of Westchester County - Gasparini hearing. Seconded and approved.

Membership reported last count in April was 866.

Program - Speakers to be scheduled at the Bell School, The Tea will be held at the Congregational Church in Chappaqua.

It was decided that if we hold a benefit, the charge will be \$3.00 for adults; \$1.50 for juniors.

Sanctuaries • Carol Coggeshall read a letter from Morgan Prine saying that he thought the price of the Adams property which we would like to add to Gedney Brook is too high. She also read the report from Leonard Peyser on work done and expenses incurred at the various sanctuaries. Tax exemptions have been received on two new pieces of property.

The historian should receive any files pertaining to past activities.

Kaye Anderson reported that a new Audubon Chapter is to be formed in White Plains, Dottie Metzler said that someone is needed to place posters announcing our programs.

Thelma Smith reported that 12 people had attended the outing at Chincoteague.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 p.m.

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Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary

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