

SMRAS Board Meeting  
September 9, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Isabel Mountain. The following members were present: Brown, Gillette, Jacoby, Knapp, McGrath, Mrstik, Panko, Smith, Spendelow, Wecker, Weiler, Wiltse, Anderson, Mountain, Williams and Holmes,

The minutes of the June 10th Board Meeting were read. Catherine Weiler moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. The balance of SMRAS was \$1,790.64. The sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$1,541.47. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$656.18.

The President reported that Gabriel Frayne sent a memo of his telephone conversation with Mike Goldberg in which he stated that a buffer zone ought to be incorporated in the covenant and that a fence should be constructed and maintained along the property line at Brinton Brook. The lawyer's bill has been paid in full by National.

Mrs. Holmes is willing to carry on the book sales. Betty Brown suggested that a notice appear in the next bulletin.

No agreement has been reached on the Graff Sanctuary, since we do not have a survey,

The President will have a meeting with Charlie Daniels concerning the Fund Drive to see what can be done to raise more money. Total to date is \$3,212.49,

Dr. Prine wishes to provide money for a full time naturalist, The President asked for approval for the finance committee to negotiate with the naturalist,

Letters of resignation from Jean Weiss and Jim Hulme were read. Stan Wecker moved they be accepted. Seconded and approved.

Thelma Smith nominated Helen Williams to fill the unexpired term of Jim Hulme. Seconded and approved.

Betty Brown moved we provide \$36.00 plus mileage for Carol Coggeshall to attend the EFA Conference at Rensselaerville. Seconded and approved.

Board Meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month.

No progress has been made in the Gasparini hearing. The County is aware of opposition.

The membership chairman reported that the old brochures are incorrect. Fee for students is now \$8.50, Dottie Metzler is planning a field festival at Gedney Brook in the Spring. This will be discussed at the October Board Meeting.

Lester Holmes reported he has ordered 9 10 tons of sunflower seed and a supply of thistle seed which is to be received October 28<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed to unload,

There will be new publicity of scholarships. A suggestion has been made that the \$25 registration fee be paid by the recipients to be reimbursed later by SMRAS, This might prevent the casual dropouts we have had in the past.

Frank Gillette should receive notice of field trips.

Stan Wecker said that he, Kay Anderson, Ed Hoag, and Tim and Harold Bischoff had walked the easement at Gedney Brook on July 3, 1976.

( Lois Lober, Stan Wecker and Kaye Anderson had a meeting in June with a group of students interested in natural history for proposed activities in the Fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Wiltse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary