

SMRAS Board Meeting
October 7, 1976

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Helen Williams. The following members were present: Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartmann, Jamieson, Knapp, McGrath, McLean, Metzler, Mrstik, Patterson, Panko, Spindelow, Weiler, Wiltse, Anderson, Mountain and Williams.

The minutes of the September 9 Board Meeting were read. Lloyd Jamieson moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

The President reported that he had contacted Mr. Daniels about the fund drive. Letters of acknowledgment to contributors are to be sent out by the end of the week.

Dr. Prine proposes to give an annual amount of \$10-12,000 plus the \$500 gift he has given every year, the agreement to be formalized. It is suggested that the gift be given in a lump sum at a specific time of year. SMRAS will decide the duties of the naturalist. The intention is to hire Kaye Anderson by January 1, 1977.

A letter concerning the National Fund Drive states that if we have spent \$1, per member or \$1,000, we will be on the honor roll, Carol Coggeshall suggested we check as to whether funds we have spent at sanctuaries be included, The President will report further in November,

The Town of Bedford is questioning the use of sanctuaries which are not being used for educational purposes. Lloyd Jamieson suggested that we keep a log of activities at sanctuaries. Betty Brown said that perhaps we should have larger sanctuaries and not so many small ones - put our funds into properties that we can protect.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we send Dick Mrstik to the annual dinner in New York, Price of ticket is \$25.00. Seconded and approved.

We will consider sending a member to the National Convention in Denver to be held in June, 1977.

In a discussion on how to have a more successful Fund Drive, Frank Gillette suggested that the drive should not be a one shot deal. People would prefer to give annually. Betty Brown suggested we try soliciting through the mail, Barbara Patterson said we should emphasize that the money would be used to maintain sanctuaries and also that we have a test mailing to see if the response would indicate mail solicitation to be worthwhile. The present Fund Drive will continue. Evelyn Knapp has Christmas cards from National which will be on sale at the October 15 meeting.

Lester Holmes will receive 11 tons of sunflower seed on October 28.

Dorothy Metzler discussed plans for a Spring Festival to be held June 5, 1977, rain date to be the following week. Barbara Patterson suggested we call it a Family Festival for SMRAS members and their guests, Dick Mrstik and Kaye Anderson will be on the committee.

Edith Hartmann reported expenses of \$21.39 for the meeting at the Bell School in September. This included name tapes.

Carl Coggeshall said that Dick Rhindress would like an invitation to come to one of our board meetings. Also that Clare Oberlander has suggested that Audubon use Pace as a place to keep records. If we want a survey of Graff Sanctuary we will have to pay for it.

Dick Mrstik will keep a copy of the 1976 environmental voters guide on file.

Rye Conservation Society would like a contribution to pay legal fees. To be decided next month.

Nine people attended the Hawk Mountain trip and the Jamaica Bay had a good turnout.

Kay Anderson reported that she had visited schools and that the Monday Group had been out four times.

Our stand on the Chappaqua water program will be discussed at a later meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary