

SMRA Board Meeting
January 6, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:20 p.m. at the home of Kathryn Weiler. The following members were present: Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartman, Jacoby, Jamieson, Knapp, McGrath, Metzler, Mrstik, Patterson, Panko, Smith, Spendelow, Wecker, Weiler, Wiltse, Anderson and Williams.

Carol Coggeshall introduced John Buckley who spoke on the problems of flood control in Chappaqua, the opposition to the Army Corps of Engineers proposed channelization and alternatives to their plan.

The minutes of the December 2, 1976, Board Meeting were read. Colleen McGrath moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. The balance of SMRAS was \$5,321.33. The Naturalist's Fund - \$11,000. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$17,922.45. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$684.49.

Barbara Patterson reported that the cabin at Brinton Brook had burned December 29, 1976 at 12:10 a.m. We will press a claim for insurance. She also reported that work needs to be done on trails.

Edith Hartman reported that the cookies sold covered the cost of the Tea.

Drew Panko has contacted other members of the Audubon Council. They will co-operate with the League of Women Voters plans for a conference at Purchase SUNY on Feb. 12.

Carol Coggeshall reported that the Soil and Water Board had a meeting on the Esposito Development and will do what they can to prevent his present plans, which will cause more flooding, from being carried out.

The National Audubon Convention, family style, will be held June 9-12, 1977, at Estes Park. We need an official delegate from SMRAS.

Membership - 820 to 841.

Stan Wecker moved that this year we go back to the policy of sending tickets to our membership for the benefit program. The price will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for juniors. Seconded and approved.

Field trips - The trip to Chincoteague will not be held this year. Instead a trip to the Delmarva Peninsula will be held on May 21, 1977.

After a report that the 50 member mailing for the Fund Drive had brought in \$60.50 Barbara Patterson moved that we proceed to mail to members who have not been contacted. Seconded and approved.

Dick Rhindress spoke on the tax situation of sanctuaries.

Stan Wecker proposed that in response to John Buckley we should as a society oppose channelization, but we wish to satisfy ourselves as to the value of alternatives

We need more information. Carol Coggeshall will call him to thank him for coming to our meeting.

Kaye Anderson reported that she plans to continue visits to schools and the Monday Group Walks. She has visited some of the sanctuaries to see what work needs to be done.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Stan Wecker.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Elizabeth Wiltse, Recording Secretary