

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 3, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:35 pm at the home of Stan and Rita Wecker. The following members were present: Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartmann, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, McLean, Metzler, Mrstik, Panko, Wecker, Weiler, Wiltse, Anderson, and Mountain.

The minutes of the January 6, 1977, Board Meeting were read. Kathryn Weiler moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. The balance of SMRAS was \$16,818.69. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$18,224.34. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$693.07.

The President's report:

Work is being done on the list for the Fund Raising Drive.

Insurance adjusters are working on the claim for the loss of the cabin at Brinton Brook.

An Audubon Chapter on Long Island reports that it does not have to pay sales tax on the sale of bird seed.

The Attorney General wants reports back to 1967 on how we spent our annual budget. We owe \$25. for each report and in the future it will be \$50. This is the fee for all charitable organizations in New York.

The 1976 tax bill has a rider allowing us to lobby and also states how much can be spent for that purpose. We must report to IRS if we elect to be a lobbying agent. Lobbying must keep to the stated purpose. All board members will receive a report on laws concerning lobbying.

Committee reports:

Carol Coggeshall moved that we authorize payment of transportation to and from Denver for one delegate to the National Convention to the maximum of \$286. Seconded and approved.

She also reported that Dr. Pruy n has been invited to the next board meeting.

Rita Wecker is chairman of the nominating committee. Two people who are not current board members are needed to serve on that committee.

Membership - 808

Edith Hartmann, Hospitality Chairman, again reminded us that we all need to make more of an effort to welcome people at our general meetings.

Sanctuary Acquisition Committee. Lloyd Jamieson reported that the area of the Bonnie Meade Development east of Columbus Avenue has been offered to National. Stan Wecker said that we should inform National that the consensus of the Board is that because of the nature of the land we would not be willing to manage that property.

Field Trips - About 21 people attended the outing at Mantauk and saw 57 species.

~~Stan Wecker~~

Colleen McGrath reported that scholarship

notices have gone out to the schools, the amount to be \$150. for Greenwich

Audubon. The Chappaqua Garden Club will be contacted to see if they will furnish a scholarship again this year. The Education Committee held a meet-ing on January 11, 1977, minutes attached. A questionnaire will be included with the benefit ticket mailing to get a list of people who are able to participate in our educational program. The Educational Committee also plans to set up an agreement as to the business end of the contract with Kaye Anderson.

Kaye reported that Cyclops has returned. An article on the work of SMRAS will appear in the REPORTER. She has made visits to schools and held another moonlight walk.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Dottie Metzler.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43.

Elizabeth Wiltse

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Recording Secretary