

SMRAS Board Meeting
April 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Carol Coggeshall at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Edith Hartmann. The following members were present: Coggeshall, Hartmann, Jacoby, Knapp, McGrath, ~~Patterson~~, Smith, Spendelow, Wiltse and Anderson.

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The minutes of the March 3, 1977, Board Meeting were read. Thelma Smith moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. The balance of SMRAS was \$15,509.84. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$20,406.57. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$693.07.

\$634.92 was the profit on the benefit program. A suggestion was made that we try to cut down on the mailing expenses by having volunteers help with the work the next time we have a benefit program.

Carol reported that National has been offered 120 acres on Hardscrabble Road, known as the Lillian Helman property. We will have to look into it to find out

about access, insurance, etc.

A notice has been received that Hudson River Basin Level B Study will hold a workshop May 16-19.

The Education Committee is working with Kaye Anderson on the education program at Horace Greeley High School. It is proposed for five weeks two to three days a week during the summer. Kaye will be the leader with 12 students from grades 6 to 9. We need to know what the tuition will be. We should also explore getting help from outside organizations in paying tuition. Insurance for volunteers should be checked.

Thelma Smith moved that we decline with thanks the offer of the Fels Hecht property. Seconded and approved.

Barbara Patterson reported a successful day at Brinton Brook. 90% of the work was completed. She also reported that the garbage in the sanctuary is a considerable problem. A suggestion was made that a receptacle with a plastic liner be placed there for litter in hopes that campers will make use of it.

Colleen McGrath reported that four scholarships have been awarded. The recipients are Edith Weiner, Chappaqua; Raymond T. Bowles, Pleasantville; John McShane, Mt. Kisco; and Dianne Thornton, Thornwood.

Kaye reported that Choate has a tree which needs to be cut down. It can be done for \$45.00. Evelyn Knapp moved that we have the tree cut down and split the cost with Mrs. Highbloom, the neighbor whose home is endangered by the tree. Seconded and approved.

Edith Hartmann said we would need a booth for Community Day in New Castle next Fall.

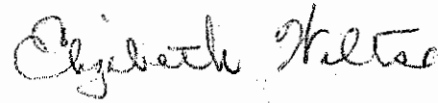
Membership - 813 the end of February.

Thelma Smith moved that the Board express their thanks to Catherine Weiler for her many years of service to SMRAS. Seconded and approved.

Len Peyser wishes to discontinue his position with SMRAS as sanctuary co-ordinator as soon as possible. Kaye Anderson will take over.

The May Board Meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20. p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Wiltse".

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary