

SMRAS Board Meeting  
May 5, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Coggeshall, Hartmann, Jacoby, Jamieson, Knapp, Metzler, Mrstik, McMartin, Panko, Smith, Spindelov, Wecker & Wecker, Wiltse, Anderson, Williams, Young and Bischoff.

The minutes of the April 7, 1977, Board Meeting were read. Lloyd Jamieson moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read. The balance of SMRAS was \$14,679.14. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$20,386.57. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$700.65.

Barbara McMartin reported that Brinton Brook has a new trail which will be a good teaching trail with trees, shrubs, etc. labeled. Walter Holbrook, the neighbor to the south of the sanctuary, has requested that a better sign be placed at the entrance so that people will not come up his driveway, which they mistake for the entrance. Dick Mrstik will make such a sign and also write a letter to Mr. H. Barbara will write a letter to the Village of Croton thanking them for taking away the garbage collected at the work day in April.

The increase in sewer tax at Thurber results from the installation of new sewers in the vicinity. The amount of \$56.37 will be split with Nature Conservancy.

Our March membership was 815. A suggestion was made that membership brochures be placed in libraries to attract new members.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we participate at the September 10th Community Day in New Castle. Seconded and approved. The Treasurer will send a check for \$10. to reserve a six foot display section.

Dottie Metzler reported that the plans for the Family Field Festival to be held at Ward Pound Ridge on June 5 are progressing satisfactorily.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we make available one scholarship to the Chappaqua Summer School if the need becomes evident. Seconded and approved.

Kaye Anderson suggested that we have a course on birds at adult education courses in the various towns in this area.

Field trips - 20 people attended Brigantine and Kaye's walk at Gedney had 15.

Stan Wecker suggested that we get the facts from IRS on lobbying laws before we decide to register as a lobbying organization.

The President suggested that a letter of appreciation for the cooperation of the custodian at the Bell School be written by the corresponding secretary.

Next month's meeting will be held at the home of Carol Coggeshall.

Stan Wecker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Time 10:35 p.m.

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Recording Secretary