

SMRAS Board Meeting
November 3, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Frank Gillette. The following members were present: Anderson, Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartmann, Holmes, Jacoby, Metzler, McMartin, Mrstik, Panko, Spendelow, Wecker and Wecker and Wiltse.

The minutes of the October 6 Board Meeting were read. Dottie Metzler moved that they be accepted. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$10,553.26. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$21,111.76. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$718.42.

Barbara McMartin said she would like to be replaced on the Board since she expects to be upstate six months of the year.

Betty Brown moved that the members of the Nominating Committee be Lois Lober, Kathryn Weiler and Ken Curtis with Bill Drakert as alternate. Seconded and approved.
Chairman

Drew Panko Moved that the auditing committee be Ed Hoag and George Porter. Seconded and approved.

President's report:

March 23, 1978, will be the 25th anniversary of SMRAS and we should plan a big celebration.

Most other Audubon societies are registered as a tax exempt educational organization and it is necessary to file every year. The Treasurer has completed the necessary forms and mailed them.

We will wait until the end of our fiscal year to see if it is necessary to file as a lobbying organization.

National has neglected to send an accepting letter to the people offering the Hard-scrabble Lake property. It will be necessary to be sure arrangements are made with the present owners to pay the \$23,000 taxes as it will be a year before the tax exemption goes into effect. Also an additional 80 acres has been tentatively offered. National will notify Dick as to its decision.

Committee reports:

Lester Holmes reported that the profit on the seed sale should be 10 to 15% more than last year. Almost 13 tons of sunflower seed and a little more than one ton of mixed seed were sold.

We will need to find another place to store the seed next year. There is an organization which will deliver seed in a truck and leave it for a week or so. Barbara McMartin mentioned her garage as a possible storage place.

Phyllis Jacoby moved that we give a vote of thanks to the Holmes for all their work on the sale of bird seed and a letter be sent to the Patanes thanking them for their help and the use of their garage. Seconded and approved.

Membership -

Kaye Anderson reported that we are almost out of shoulder patches.

Frank Gillette moved that we purchase 220 patches at \$1.20 each. Seconded and approved.

Betty Brown suggested that we display them at meetings.

The mowing has been completed at Brinton Brook at a cost of \$350.

The register box at Graff has been destroyed.

New maps of Choate and Gedney are available.

More lumber is needed for the board walk at Gedney. \$150 was allowed last time. We will need to get an estimate on the cost of the new lumber.

Dick will find out from National whether or not they have given the money to help maintain the road at Brinton Brook. No work has been done on it.

The fence at Brinton also needs to be repaired and the "register here" sign replaced.

Frank Gillette moved that we purchase one slide projector at a cost of \$230. for the naturalist's use. Seconded and approved.

Edith Hartman reported that people enjoyed the cider served after the October meeting. It will be done again in November.

The Congregational Church should be contacted to see if a PA system will be available for the speaker at the December Tea.

March 5, 1978, is the date for the meeting of the Westchester Audubon Council.

Carol Coggeshall said that she needs a new file cabinet. Barbara McMartin will see if she has one that can be used.

Edith Hartman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Seconded and approved.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary