

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 1, 1977

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:35 p.m. at the home of Barbara McMartin. The following members were present Anderson, Bischoff, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartmann, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, McMartin, Smith, Spendelow, Wecker, Wecker, and Wiltse.

The minutes of the November 2, 1977 Board Meeting were read. Barbara McMartin moved that they be accepted. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$21,964.90²⁴. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$21,111.76. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$743.42.

Carol Coggeshall moved that the profit of \$2,274.41³⁴ from the seed sale be put in the Sanctuary Endowment Fund. Seconded and approved.

President's report:

The mowing at Brinton Brook was \$400.

The cost of the projector purchased for the use of the Naturalist was \$232.92.

We should give Dr. Pruyn a financial report at the end of the year.

A notice was received that our Workmen's Compensation Insurance had lapsed because the agent had failed to renew it and we are subject to a \$50. fine payable to the State Labor Board. Insurance has now been placed with Dayton, Corey and Dubbin at a cost of \$80-\$85. Suits against SMRAS should be provided for by a rider attached to our present policy.

There will be a Hudson River Valley Audubon Council meeting on February 4, 1978, at Ward Pound Ridge. We should send 3 or 4 representatives and hold off on our plans for the Westchester Audubon Council Meeting to be held on March 4, 1978.

Work has been done on the road at Brinton Brook. Dick will check with National about the \$200 agreed upon in an informal exchange of letters. The arrangements should be between SMRAS and National.

We should think about increasing the size of the bulletin.

Committee reports:

Dottie Metzler suggested that our 25th anniversary celebration be combined with the family outing. We might also have a special dinner. We should have a 25th anniversary committee.

Kaye Anderson - Naturalist. A work day was held at Gedney and more lumber has been ordered. Discovered a nice cabin at Graff. Carol Coggeshall suggested we contact National as to whether it should be insured. Schools have been visited Pinecliff has a new trail.

Stan Wecker moved that we give our guest speaker, Dr. Roman Vishniac, for the December Tea, a membership in Audubon. Seconded and approved.

Membership - November - 791 and December - 802

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There will be four scholarships of \$150 each to summer camps.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she had attended a recycling conference at SUNY. The filing cabinets for herself and the Treasurer received from Barbara McMartin are now in use.

Stan Wecker moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:25 p.m. Seconded and approved.

The January 5, 1978, Board Meeting will be held at the home of Edith Hartman.



Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary