

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 5, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Dick Mrstik at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Edith Hartmann. The following members were present: Anderson, Gillette, Hartmann, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, McMartin, Mrstik, Panko, Smith, Spendelow, Wecker, Wecker, and Wiltse.

The minutes of the December 1, 1977, Board Meeting were read. Lloyd Jamieson moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$21,024.90. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$21,111.76. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$743.42.

President's report:

A letter has been received from Nationwide saying that our insurance had not been canceled. Therefore, we will cancel our policy with Nationwide as of the date of the new policy and avoid a fine.

All committees that need operating expenses should submit an estimate to the Treasurer to aid in making up next year's budget.

A letter has been received from National asking if we would take less of a share of the dues as an alternative to raising dues which usually results in a drop in membership.

Barbara McMartin moved that we write a letter to National urging that they cut ex-penses by sending less mail and getting out of their expensive New York offices. Also say that we agree with them about raising individual and family membership

dues. We should ask them to give us specific examples of economy, so that we can reassure members who ask. Seconded and approved.

There are people in our area who belong to National but not to SMRAS.

Carol Coggeshall would like names of people who could be candidates for next year's board.

Scholarship fees have been increased from \$150 to \$175, so we can give only three scholarships to summer camps. A letter has been written to the Chappaqua Garden Club notifying them of the increase.

We need an assistant Membership Chairman to do the detailed work. ~~Congress~~
Comments are wanted on whether or not we support the Bill now in Albany on extending the practices of game management to all forms of wild life.

Thelma Smith moved that Kay Anderson be reimbursed for expenses and mileage at the AIN Conference and mileage to the Education Conference at Sharon on January 27. Seconded and approved.

Membership as of November 20, 1977, was 800.

Barbara McMartin reported that Bastys has new plans before the Planning Board.

We need a new historian and a new seed chairman. Perhaps Lester Holmes could be the Historian.

Stan Wecker suggested a vote of thanks to Edith Hartmann for organizing the Christmas Tea. He also reported that the Eagle Auction had earned \$40. and that the eagle had been returned.

The next meeting will be at the Weckers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary