

SMRAS Board Meeting

March 2, 1978

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

The minutes of the February 2, 1978, meeting were read. Frank Gillette moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$17,450.13. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund: \$23,837.30. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$747.63.

The Treasurer presented the budget for the coming year. After some discussion it was decided to divide all items into two sections - Operations and Education.

Lloyd Jamieson moved that we accept the budget in its revised format. Seconded and approved.

Dick Mrstik presented the proposed Amendment to Article IV, Section 8, of the By-laws of SMRAS. (Copy attached) 4 voted for proposed Amendment No. 1 and 10 voted for Proposed Amendment 2.

Frank Gillette moved that Proposed Amendment No. 2 read as follows:

The Historian shall have custody of the archives of the Society. At the end of each year he will obtain from officers and directors such records (or copies thereof) as are to be incorporated in the permanent file, add to them a brief summary of major events of the year and place the collection in a suitable place of safekeeping.

Seconded and approved.

Thelma Smith moved that the substituted amendment be incorporated in the By-Laws. Seconded and approved.

Dick Mrstik reported on the Lower New York Audubon Council meeting.

The Mohaunk tax case was lost.

It is suggested that each chapter have a New York State legislative watcher.

We should have something interesting for children at each meeting.

Several chapters are reporting a summary of Board action at meetings.

It was suggested that a maximum term for Board members service be set.

SMRAS will be hosting the next meeting on May 6.

Problems should be handled through Dick Rhindress.

Field trips should not be just bird listing trips.

At least one person who attended the meeting should attend the next meeting.

The reply from Bob Binnewies at National is still unsatisfactory. It will be necessary to contact him again.

The Regional Conference will be held July 14-16 at Williamstown, Mass. we should have two members attend.

Kaye Anderson reported that she really should have a permit to keep Cyclops, the one-eyed owl. Also he needs a new cage.

Dottie Metzler reported plans for the Family Field Festival for June 4 at Ward Pound Ridge are under way.

Carol Coggeshall said that wetlands being mapped by the State include Gedney and Chernik. It is possible to get others listed but ~~there is no point in listing those owned by Audubon in Mount Pleasant and New Castle as those townships have good ordinances.~~ Carol will write to the State asking that they promulgate wetlands ~~now protected.~~ *regulations to protect wetlands of less than 12.4 acres which are owned by boards or n.p.i.d. organizations.*

Stan Wecker presented the Education Program pointing out that a lot of money goes to education and we should publish a report.

Thelma Smith moved that we adopt the goals and objectives of the Education Com-mittee as those of the Society and publish it in the Bulletin. Seconded and approved.

Edith Hartmann moved we adjourn at 11:10 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 8, OF  
THE BY-LAWS OF THE SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.,  
CONCERNING OFFICERS AND SPECIFICALLY, THE HISTORIAN.

Two proposed amendments are presented, either one of which may be accepted by the board of directors. Or, both amendments may be rejected.


Proposed Amendment No. 1:

"RESOLVED, that Article IV, section 8, which reads:  
'The Historian shall have custody of  
the archives of the Society. He shall  
prepare a history of the Society and  
keep the same current.'  
be deleted from the bylaws, thus eliminating the  
position of Historian as an officer of the Society."

OR

Proposed Amendment No. 2:

"RESOLVED, that Article IV, section 8, be amended  
to read as follows:  
'The Historian shall have custody of  
the archives of the Society. He will  
take charge of all records not  
currently in use by any director or  
officer, determine which are necessary  
for inclusion in the Society's  
permanent files and see that same are  
placed in a suitable place of safekeeping.'

  
Richard S. Mrstik  
president

Feb. 13, 1978