

SMRAS Board Meeting  
April 6, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p.m. at the home of Ellan Young. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Hartmann, Holmes, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, McMartin, Mrstik, Smith, Spindelov, Wecker, Wecker, Wiltse, Williams and Young.

The minutes of the March 2, 1978, meeting were read. Dottie Metzler moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$18,077.01. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$24,258.74. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$756.90.

The Benefit brought in \$1041. Expenses were \$416.76, making a net profit of \$630.24. 1977 profit was \$634.92.

Carol Coggeshall moved that mileage of 15¢ per mile be allowed for authorized trips with the approval of the Board. Seconded and approved.

Betty Brown moved that Kaye Anderson's <sup>paid</sup> vacation be increased from two weeks to three weeks. Seconded and approved.

The President reported that he has three up-dated copies of the By-laws. One copy is to be kept by the Secretary.

Helen Williams suggested that the job of Historian be combined with a resource person on the Education Committee.

The Board decided not to send the Greenburgh Nature Center SMRAS mailing list, but a notice of the Center's activities will appear in the Bulletin.

Membership with Brooklyn Botanical Gardens will be \$15.

Kaye reported that she has visited schools and given a talk at the White Plains Library. A workday was held at Pinecliff and also at Brinton Brook. She has an Eagle Scout to help with the work. We need a new post at Brinton.

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Carol Coggeshall moved that leaders of field trips should make a list of people attending. The list is to be used ~~in the President's report.~~ Seconded and approved.  
by the nominating committee

Colleen McGrath reported that the Education Committee had selected four scholarship winners from the 20 applications received. They are Cori Lapin of Chappaqua, Linda Conti - Croton; John Holland - Garrison; and Domenica Versace - Pace.

Stan Wecker suggested that in the future we should have <sup>1. 50</sup> two stage review-interviews <sup>2. 20</sup> for scholarship winners. In the Fall we should <sup>winners</sup> ask people to come to the first meeting of the Education Committee to tell about their experiences.

Frank Gillette moved that we purchase checklists for free distribution at field trips and for sale at meetings. Seconded and approved.

Lester Holmes will do all the paper work on the seed sales if we will have an able-bodied person on hand at all times during the sale to help haul the seed.

Barbara McMartin moved that we send a letter to National as read by Frank Gillette concerning a keyring sent to some Board members. Seconded and approved.

Frank Gillette requested that in the future Board meetings start promptly at 8:15 p.m.

Carol Coggeshall reported on Wetlands regulations. If we can verify the critical nature of a wetlands area, it can be included under DEC. Also we should have protection of State wardens on our sanctuaries.

Dottie Metzler reported that Ward Pond Ridge has been reserved by other groups on June 4, the date set for our Family Field Festival. Cranberry Lake was suggested as an alternative. If it is not available, a later date could be set for Ward Pound Ridge.

Stan Wecker suggested we think of a project involving the membership for our anniversary celebration.

Jeff Spendelow moved that the Board authorize sending two delegates to the Regional Conference at Williams College, July 14-16. Fee and mileage to be paid by SMRAS. Seconded and approved.

The May Board meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse and the June meeting at the home of Carol Coggeshall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary