

SMRAS Board Meeting  
September 7, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Frank Gillette at his home. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Holmes, McGrath, Metzler, Mrstik, Panko, Reid, Smith, Spendelow, Wecker, Wecker, Williams, Wiltse and Young.

The minutes of the June 1, 1978, meeting were read. Carol Coggeshall moved that they be accepted as read. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$13,842.11. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$24,691.66. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$766.38.

The President asked that the material for the Historian be brought to the next meeting.

Kaye Anderson reported that nothing has been done on the Brinton Brook parking lot. It will not be necessary to improve the big lot. Filling with small rock on the right hand side and cutting down some of the large rocks should be sufficient. A work day should be scheduled after the next general meeting when we can try to recruit help from the general membership.

Gedney drive has not been improved. It does need ditching for drainage but not urgently.

Betty Brown offered to take care of the hospitality at the first two meetings.

Graff Sanctuary - National has not met with the management agreement to have a survey made.

Hoch Reid moved that we stay as we are on lobbying. Seconded and approved.

The State of New York requests a formal audit of our books. ~~Ed Small~~, a professional auditor, <sup>with his willing assistance</sup> ~~will make an audit at a cost of \$200.~~ <sup>\$395</sup> The President suggested that we allow four months after closing the books for the audit to be made. This will require a change in our By-laws.

Dick Mrstik will contact the one person who contributed over \$50. to our fund raising drive who would like his name to appear on a plaque. The others prefer not to be mentioned.

Helen Williams moved that we send the Color Camera Club \$9.91 to cover the cost of the trophy given in our name. Seconded and approved.

SMRAS will not pay for Bill Brakert's membership in the Bluebird Society.

Our stamp must appear on new membership applications if we are to get the \$3.00.

No decision was made on what to do with our stock in Programming & Systems.

Kaye reported on the Regional Conference. Most chapters would like more cooperation from National. National is able to do things individual chapters cannot.

There will be a regional Conference held in February. Drew Panko is responsible for arrangements.

Thelma Smith will be in charge of Hospitality at our general meetings except for the refreshments. Hospitality will be divided into refreshments and membership.

Drew Panko reported that there is an issue before the County to extend parks leasing from the present 15 years to 30-40 years. Frank Gillette said that we don't know enough about the advantages and disadvantages to take a position.

Lloyd Jamieson is leader of the Education Committee.

Stan Wecker suggested that the facility at Kitchiwan be used for a meeting place for Program Chairman at a Council Meeting to be held in either January, February or March.

Dick Mrostitz & Stan Wecker

Carol Coggeshall, Thelma Smith and Rita Wecker will form an ad hoc committee to make plans for a 25th Anniversary celebration.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we renew our membership in Clearwater Sloop. The fee is \$15. Seconded and approved.

Helen Williams will have more sanctuary maps printed if they are needed.

Thelma Smith moved that Kaye Anderson be reimbursed mileage for attending the Small Museums Conference on September 17-19. Seconded and approved.

We have 756 members.

The Suggestion was made that people who are late picking up bird seed be charged an extra \$1.00 per bag. Approved.

Kaye reported that the board walk at Chernick has been finished. The boards which were intended for Gedney were used on the project.

Stan Wecker moved that \$350. be authorized for buying the necessary boards to complete the work at Gedney. Seconded and approved.

The October meeting will be held at the home of Betty Brown and the November meeting at Helen Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary