

SMRAS Board Meeting

October 5, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Rita Wecker at the home of Betty and Spencer Brown. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Brown, Gillette, Holmes, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Reid, Smith, Spindelov, Wecker, Wecker, and Wiltse.

The minutes of the September 7, 1978, Board meeting were read. Betty Brown moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS was \$12,910.02. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund -\$24,691.66. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund -\$766.38.

The President turned the meeting over to Rita Wecker, Vice-President.

Drew Panko will be in charge of the arrangements for the Regional Conference to be held March 3, 1979, at the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens -Kitchawan. Other chapters should be contacted. Each society should have a representative on the planning committee.

The Treasurer said that her records do not state who wants to be on the Fund Drive place and who does not.

Graff Sanctuary has not been surveyed for 30 years. The cost of having it done now has been estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Stan Wecker moved that we table the issue on whether or not to sell the Programing and Systems, Inc. stock until we have a specific recommendation. The Treasurer will consult with Ken Barnhart about the stock. Seconded and approved.

Lester Holmes reported that orders for bird seed jumped after the notice appeared in THE REPORTER DISPATCH.

Rita Wecker reported that the Anniversary Committee had decided on a program with the topic "Endangered Species" and hoped to find a suitable boat to be called Noah's Ark which could hold some endangered specimens. The committee will continue for another month and will inquire about Clearwater Sloop as a possible ark.

It was also decided to have a birthday-anniversary cake at the Christmas Tea. Harold Bischoff will check at a bakery.

Hoch Reid moved that we go ahead with plans to improve the parking lot at Brinton Brock. 20 yards of crushed rock are to be spread on the right hand side at a cost of \$400. Seconded and approved.

Kay Anderson reported that the Small Museums Conference was interesting and had some good ideas. She shared expenses with Ossining Recreation.

~~Our policy on paying a fee to members who give a program is to pay the fee which will then be returned to the society.~~

Membership is now 738.

Rita suggested that letters from scholarship winners telling what they have gained from their training be published in the BULLETIN.

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The December Board meeting will be held at the home of Hoch Reid. January - Lloyd Jamieson and February - the Weckers.

Jeff Spendelow moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary