

SMRAS Board Meeting
November 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Sally Dow. The following members were present: Anderson, Brown, Dow, Gillette, Holmes, Jamieson, Metzler, Panko, Reid, Spendelow, Williams and Wiltse.

The minutes of the October 5, 1978, Board meeting were read. Lloyd Jamieson moved that they be accepted as read. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer was absent and no report was given.

Frank Gillette reported that Ken Barnhart had nothing to report so far on the Programming and Systems stock.

Lester Holmes asked how the Board felt in regard to fund raising. Should there be a group who would consistently donate to an endowment fund so as to have enough money to pay the Naturalist from interest? Those present did not favor the idea. He also announced that he will not be able or willing to handle the sale of seed in the future. It will be necessary for the Board to find someone to replace him.

The Brinton Brook driveway has had large rocks removed and hopefully the stone fill has been leveled.

Dottie Metzler moved that we pay Frank Gillette's way to the Annual Audubon Meeting on November 9, 1978. Seconded and approved.

YMCA Rockies Biennial National Audubon Meeting is to be held June 29 to July 1, 1979. We should send a representative. Registration forms will be available in January. Anyone wishing to go on birding trips should get his registration in early.

The AUDUBON LEADER reports that the lands bill got nowhere. Letters should be sent to Congressmen. The bill expires this December.

Stan Wecker, Frank Gillette and Drew Panko will be our representatives at the Regional Conference to be held March 3, 1979.

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National would like us to sponsor a program to help bring back bluebirds. Bill Blanke is putting up bluebird houses along interstate highways. ~~Kaye will find out whether we are to provide bird houses for interested people.~~ Frank will talk with Bill about the cost. Kaye said there are places where bird houses can be obtained at no cost. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

There will be a Loon Conference January 14-16, 1979, at Syracuse University.

Kaye Anderson has been a Naturalist for SMRAS ten years. _____

The duly elected nominating committee: Pamela Rubin, chairman; Barbara Appel and Dick Metzler.

The Historian should receive material from last year.

Kaye reported that she and Lloyd Jamieson had a workday at Gedney. The needed lumber had been delivered. Also the mowing at Brinton has been completed.

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~~George~~ Weinstein has offered to plow Brinton this winter.

Lloyd Jamieson moved that we compensate Kaye for all Audubon related driving at

15¢ a mile. Seconded and approved.

Jeff Spendelow reported on the Colonial Waterbird Conference held at New Haven. He had banded a lark bunting and a blue grosbeak. *At New Haven*

Lloyd Jamieson reported that two of the scholarship winners had met with the Education Committee. They both were very enthusiastic and felt they had gained much from the experience. He suggested that *we* might have them come to a Board meeting, that talking with them is better than receiving letters.

Our membership as of November 2, 1978, was 747. There were 62 members of National in this area who were not members of SMRAS. 17 of these have joined.

There being no further business, Dottie Metzler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary

Report on Promotion to be filed with minutes of Nov. Bd. Mtg.