

SMRAS Board Meeting  
November 30, 1978

RESOLVED: That the Special Board Meeting of November 30, 1978, called by President Frank Gillette shall take the place of the regular December Board Meeting scheduled for December 7, 1978.

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:20 p.m. at the home of Hoch Reid. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Coggeshall, Gillette, Holmes, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, Panko, Reid, Smith, Spendelow, Rita Wecker, Wiltse and Young.

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

The Treasurer's report as of November 30, 1978: The balance of SMRAS was \$27,059.13. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$24,802.51. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$335.09.

Harold Bischoff moved that the net proceeds from the sale of bird seed, \$4,870.89, be transferred to the Sanctuary Endowment Fund. Seconded and approved.

Bill Drakert has enough bird houses for the present. Phyllis Jacoby has a bird house sent to her by Exxon. We will submit it for Bill's inspection.

Rita Wecker reported that she has sent letters concerning the 25th Anniversary Tea to Charter Members of SMRAS and has received a number of replies.  
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Frank Gillette read a letter he proposed sending to President Carter concerning protection of Alaskan public interest land. The Board directed that it be sent.

Drew Panko moved that we support the Scenic Hudson Conference in its efforts to acquire Osbourne Castle in the Town of Garrison. Seconded and approved.

Kaye reported that the State would like to have better visibility at the access road to the Lansberg property adjacent to Choate Sanctuary which would require removing some rock on Choate. Mr. L. would like a letter from us giving him permission. We would be protected by his insurance while the work is being done. He has agreed to contribute \$1,000 to SMRAS in return for our permission, whether he proceeds or not. Dick Weinland would be willing to monitor the work. Hoch Reid will write a legal letter which will protect us.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we allow the blasting to take place, subject to the various points mentioned. Seconded and approved.

Dick Mrstik has reported that according to his findings we are not required to have an audit by a CPA until our annual budget reaches \$50,000.

Membership - 774

Thelma Smith asked for approval of the Board to purchase a box of Audubon magazines for \$7. The magazines are to be given to students interested in joining a junior Audubon Society which Harold Bischoff hopes to start. Approved.

Dottie Metzler moved that a vote of thanks be given Thelma Smith for her efforts at promotion at the railroad stations and the seed sales. Seconded and approved.

Lester Holmes reported that he had been to visit the farmer from whom he had purchased the sunflower seed and found him to be very pleasant. He recommends that SMRAS continue to do business with this supplier.

Kaye Anderson reported that she has moved to 2660 Quaker Church Road, Yorktown Heights, N. Y., 10598. The Audubon phone is 962-9330 and her personal phone 245-1187.

Kaye's bill for mileage is \$33. but she brought in \$90. Schools were visited. Brinton parking space is completed.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she had written a letter to Mr. Kobirn, an attorney, supporting him in his efforts to make Mr. Cogger comply with the New Castle Wetlands ordinance. Cogger has diverted the course of a stream by using fill and does not appear to be about to comply with the ordinance.

Scenic Hudson would like us to join them in their efforts to prevent Con Ed from going ahead with the Storm King Project.

Carol also reported that there is a draft <sup>ETS</sup> of a road to go through Yonkers which will interfere with the aqueduct. Old Bridge should be preserved. This project should concern Federated Conservationists and SMRAS.

Bulletins from other Chapters should be sent to Kaye Anderson.

Coleen McGrath reported that the cost of scholarships has risen to \$210.

Thelma Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary