

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 4, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:18 p.m. at the home of Lloyd Jamieson. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Brown, Coggeshall, Gillette, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, Mrstik, Panko, Reid, Smith, Spindelov, Wecker, Wecker, Williams and Wiltse.

The minutes of the November 30, 1978, Board Meeting were read. Carol Coggeshall moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report as of December 31, 1978. The balance of SMRAS - \$21,083.34. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$29,573.40. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$335.09. The Naturalist's Fund - \$11,088.24.

The Treasurer stated that we are in accordance with our budget.

The Christmas Tea has received many favorable comments. Rita Wecker has pictures of the cake with the charter members. Ginny Weinland has donated her honorarium check back to SMRAS in honor of the 25th Anniversary.

Frank Gillette received a response from the White House to the letter he wrote to President Carter concerning the Protection of Alaskan Lands.

At present we will not express our support to Scenic Hudson in their work against the Storm King Project.

Ken Barnhart has written that he finds it hard to make a recommendation from the standpoint of SMRAS in regard to our Programming and Systems Study. Frank Gillette suggested that we wait until the market goes up before we sell. Applications for the Loon Conference are available.

Stan Wecker moved that until we take formal action to the contrary, we will make an annual contribution for an award for the best slide depicting birds or bird lore in the competition of the Color Camera Club. Seconded and approved with one negative.

Thelma Smith, Stan Wecker and Frank Gillette are interested in being our representative at the National Convention to be held at Estes Park in June.

Hoch Reid moved that the President or Vice-President of SMRAS be authorized to sign on behalf of the Society a letter to Investors' Fiduciary Trust Company consenting to the investment of Dr. Pruyn's trust in the shares of Kemper Income and Capital Preservation Fund. Seconded and approved.

Stan Wecker suggested that we might want to form a long range planning committee for implementing our plans in education and maintaining our sanctuaries now that we have expectations of receiving a substantial sum of money. Everyone should send ideas to the President. We must also find out about restrictions in the use of sanctuaries from the deeds.

Carol Coggeshall will write a letter of protest against the St. Lawrence River Project.

Kaye Anderson wrote a letter to Edward M. Brigham III of National Geographic Society for use at a tax hearing documenting the use of our sanctuaries as nature preserves and for educational purposes.

Betty Brown moved that we join Public Lands Institute, a lobbying group. Fee to be \$15. Seconded and carried by a vote of 10 to 4.

Drew Panko moved that on the next Christmas count we offer to pay the \$1.50 fee for all participants in our section. Seconded and approved with one opposed.

In regard to the survey of Graff Sanctuary, the surveyor would like a copy of the deed before he proceeds.

Kaye Anderson presented her annual report to be filed with the minutes. She needs a new typewriter. It has been provided for in the budget.

Membership - 780

We should find out National's plans for a membership drive early next year and ask if we can help.

Carol Coggeshall suggested that we get up a sub-committee of people who live in Mt. Pleasant to help in identifying retention areas in the Sawmill Basin for a wetlands map.

Lloyd Jamieson moved that we adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary