

SMRAS Board Meeting  
February 1, 1979

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

The minutes of the January 4, 1979, Board Meeting were read. Betty Brown moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$20,519.79. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$30,658.84. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$342.02.

The President announced that Dottie Metzler will be chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. The other members will be Kaye Anderson, Rita and Stan Wecker, Dick Mrstik, Carol Coggeshall, Lloyd Jamieson and maybe Stan Lincoln.

Dick Mrstik moved that Thelma Smith be designated as our official delegate to the National Convention at Estes Park in June and that her expenses be paid. Seconded and approved.

The quotation for the cost of a survey of Graff Sanctuary has been sent to National. Maximum - \$3,000; minimum - \$2700.

Drew Panko will be our representative at a meeting on the preservation of the Bronx River sponsored by Scarsdale Audubon. *On Army Corps project.*

Stan Wecker moved that we send in an application for Carol Coggeshall to National who would like the names of people willing to write letters for the Washington News Letter which National is preparing to start. Seconded and approved.

The Nominating Committee has submitted a list of candidates for office in SMRAS.

President - Frank Gillette  
Vice-President - Rita Wecker

Recording Secretary - Elizabeth Wiltse  
Corresponding Secretary - Irene Pokowitz

Directors - Term expiring - April, 1982

Drew Panko  
Dr. Stanley Wecker

Phyllis Jacoby  
Frank Gillette

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Stan Lincoln

Director to fill the unexpired term of Ellan Young

Irene Pokowitz

The Department of Environmental Conservation would like a list of people building blue bird houses. John Anderson, Bill Blanko and Bill Drakert are those we know of. They would also like a count of shrikes in our area.

The Chappaqua Garden Club is willing to sponsor a scholarship at the increased cost.

Stan Wecker suggested that it would be a nice gesture on our part to take speakers for our general meetings to dinner when the occasion seems appropriate. Agreed.

Rita Wecker will write a letter of condolence to Beatrice Ridgeway on the death of her husband.

Marold Bischoff will be SMRAS Historian.

Stan Wecker moved that the Board designate Lloyd Jamieson to look into the cost of new stationery and a new design for the letterhead. Seconded and approved.

There will be a joint meeting of the Westchester Audubon Societies held at Kitchawan on March 3. Workshops on various activities will be held.

Lloyd Jamieson presented a tabulation of Kaye's services at schools as SMRAS Naturalist, which shows her work to be very satisfactory. (attached to minutes) Later an appropriation may be asked for to present a series of programs for broader educational programs in the classrooms. Also scholarship winners are to be involved in activities of SMRAS.

Kaye reported that Westchester County has plans for a "Just for Fun" weekend on June 7-8-9-10. Perhaps we could coordinated with the Family Field Festival.

Membership - 794

Thelma Smith reported that the field trip to Cape Ann had been attended by 12 people. They saw 47 different birds with 10 quality birds.

Hoch Reid moved that SMRAS express its deep appreciation to Dr. Fruyn for his very generous gift. Seconded and approved.

Hoch Reid volunteered to store the plywood panel which is a part of our display material.

Kaye reported that National Audubon is planning an education workshop for all chapters in Mid Atlantic Area to be held in Greenwich in April.

The next meeting will be held at Coleen McGrath's home. The April meeting will be at Helen Williams; the May meeting at Phyllis Jacoby's and the June meeting at Kaye Anderson's.

Thelma Smith moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:02 p.m. Seconded and approved.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary