

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 1, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Coleen McGrath. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Brown, Dow, Gillette, Holmes, Jacoby, Jamieson, McGrath, Metzler, Mrstik, Panko, Reid, Smith, Spendelow, the Weckers and Wiltse.

The minutes of the February 1, 1979, Board Meeting were read. Dottie Metzler moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$19,528.22. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$30,658.84. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$342.02.

President's report:

Mr. Lansberg has given us a check for \$1,000. as a contribution to SMRAS. He is the builder who asked our permission to do some blasting at Choate.

The bids on the survey for Graff Sanctuary have been sent to National. According to Bob Bennowies National cannot have the survey done until next year.

Betty Brown moved that we pay for having the survey made this year if National will write us a letter promising to reimburse us for the cost next year. Seconded and approved.

The trust agreement with Dr. Pruyn has been received.

Dick Mrstik moved that we pay expenses for Harold Bischoff and Kaye Anderson at the Greenwich workshop to be held April 28-29. Seconded and approved.

The new typewriter for Kaye was obtained by Hoch Reid.

Kaye will keep on file the list of poisonous plants which has been in the president's file.

George P. Bent, III has written that the Greenwich Center would like our members to join the Friends of the Greenwich Center. We will send a letter to our members any time after March 23. They will write the letter and pay the postage, that is the Greenwich Center will.

Frank Gillette wrote to ~~Dave Seymour~~^K saying that we would like to know in what way SMRAS can help in the movement to save Alley Moraine. A proposal is afoot to build a three-story motel in the area.

The Treasurer presented the budget. (Attached to the minutes)

Dottie Metzler moved that we have a committee to study the Naturalist's salary and benefits. Seconded and approved.

Jeff Spendelow moved that we accept the budget as presented. Seconded and approved.

A notice will be placed in the next BULLETIN asking for contributions from members of SMRAS.

Rita Wecker announced that the 25th Anniversary Committee finds that ^{there is} ~~there is~~ no craft in the area that can navigate the Hudson. That puts an end to the plans for the topic "Endangered Species".

Drew Panko announced that the Army Corps of Engineers hasn't finalized plans on the Bronxville Project which is intended to prevent flooding in the Town of Bronxville.

Dottie Metzler reported that the Lakeside area at Ward Pound Ridge is available for our Family Field Festival. Suggestions are for an early bird walk and lunch.

Kaye said she had had a call from Nestle about the culvert at Gedney Brook causing a back up at their springs. Nestle is willing to remove it at their expense. Mr. Weinstein has taken it upon himself to find projects at Brinton Brook for George to do. Stan Wecker suggested that we send a letter to Mr. Weinstein stating that all projects should be cleared with SMRAS. Kaye will draft a letter. Kaye also reported that Chernick will not have as much water now that New Rochelle has lowered the reservoir.

Membership - 750

Dottie Metzler said that the Long Range Planning Committee plans to meet and would welcome suggestions.

Lloyd Jamieson said that the Education Committee will continue the new approach for schools in the Fall.

Coleen McGrath reported that results for the scholarship are very poor. She has sent twelve letters and received only one answer. Kaye will contact some teachers she thinks may be interested.

The next meeting will be at the home of Helen Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary