

SMRAS Board Meeting
October 4, 1979

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:16 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Coggeshall, Gillette, Holmes, Jacoby, Jamieson, Lincoln, McGrath, Panko, Reid, Rita Wecker, Williams and Wiltse.

The minutes of the September 6, 1979, Board Meeting were read. Rita Wecker moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$12,084.90. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$31,211.70. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund ^{782.35} \$350.60.

Kaye reported that Nature Conservancy who owns Thurber Sanctuary has suggested that Ossining take over the management. It has also been suggested that Mt. Pleasant take over Chernick and the Town of New Castle - Cameron-Murzfeldt. Drew Panko said he thought that if the cost of maintaining sanctuaries is only 10% of our budget, we are OK and suggested that we get Hudson Valley to take over management of Graff. Kaye said that Gedney needs work done on the plank walks and that we may have to hire somebody since the number of people who come out to help with work on sanctuaries is rather small.

Dick Mrstik and Kaye Anderson talked to Dr. Pruyn about renaming Gedney. He doesn't want to have it named Pruyn Sanctuary. Suggested we call it Atsdtsbon Sanctuary. Tabled indefinitely.

The seed sale has been proceeding slowly and still needs help from Lester Holmes.

Membership - 785

Hoch Reid will have copies of the By-Laws made.

National has a new class of membership for \$13. for which members will just receive the magazine.

We should have an article in the Bulletin with recommendations for controlling the gypsy moth. Stan Wecker has the report from the last infestation. It should be updated. Kaye and ^{Carol} Drew will work with him.

Kaye suggested we use the cardinal which appears on the Bulletin for a letterhead.

Harold Bischoff said he tried to start a junior society at the high school, but it did not work. He would like to have the material from last year for the Historian.

Rita reported that Gerald Swope, a life member, had died. The corresponding secretary will write a letter to the family on behalf of the society.

Plans for the pancake supper are progressing.

Colleen McGrath has another letter from a scholarship winner for the Bulletin.

We will not give our mailing list to Greenburg Nature Center. This has been our policy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary