

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 7, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Frank Gillette at the home of the Weckers. The following members were present: Anderson, Bischoff, Coggeshall, Gillette, Jacoby, Metzler, Mrstik, Panko, Pokowitz, Reid, the Weckers, and Wiltse.

The President thanked the Board for all their cooperation during the last two years.

The minutes of the January 3, 1980, meeting were read. Dottie Metzler moved that they be accepted as read. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report. The balance of SMRAS - \$22,802.55. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$35,073.23. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$359.54.

A discussion of the Long Range Planning Committee report (attached) was followed with a suggestion from Drew Panko that if a second person was added to the staff, a certain percentage of his time should be devoted to a study of the flora and fauna of Westchester County. Kay would prefer to do this work with the other person devoting time to other duties.

Harold Bischoff reported that there is considerable trapping of wild animals done in this part of Westchester.

Irene Pokowitz moved that the report of the Long Range Planning Committee be accepted with special thanks to the chairman, Dottie Metzler. Seconded and approved.

Hoch Reid reported that his committee has completed a revision of the By-Laws including many changes, most of them not substantive. Frank Gillette objected to one change which combined the budget and finance committee into one. The Board agreed there should be a separate finance committee that could advise on investments. After this change is incorporated, copies of the old and new By-Laws will be sent to each member of the Board.

There will be a meeting of the Council of Lower New York at the Greenburgh Nature Center on March 15, 1980.

The Nominating Committee has asked our permission to replace one member who will be away. Granted.

Carol Coggeshall reported that National would like to have a group to continue the work on toxic substances. If SMRAS took part in this project we would receive \$1,000 to cover expenses. We would be able to use county facilities. This would be grass roots education, alerting the citizenry to problems. A committee of five is needed. Carol Coggeshall, Stan Wecker and three other people.

Hoch Reid moved that we authorize Carol and Stan to apply for the \$1,000 depending upon obtaining additional help. Seconded and approved.

The Historian presented the minutes and records for the years 78-79, thereby carrying out the duties of the Historian for the first time.

In considering Kaye Anderson's compensation, an inquiry into amounts paid to other naturalists was made. The county pays \$12,000 per year plus benefits and a house. Greenburg pays \$10,000 plus benefits. A ~~director~~ ^{naturalist} at Greenburg receives \$8,000 starting salary plus benefits.

Dick Weinland recommends that we put in a plank walk at Gedney. The job should be hired out. Kaye recommended that we hire a college student whom she would supervise.

After a short break, Phyllis Jacoby presented the Budget. (attached) The principal change in the expenditure columns is an increase in the Naturalist's ~~salary to~~ ^{compensation} \$13,000 with corresponding increases in benefits. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund and the interest it earns had previously been kept apart from operating income. Also the profit from the seed sale had been added to the SEF each year. This time all income from the SEF and from the seed sale ~~was~~ has been included in operating income. This makes a difference of at least \$5,000.

Stan Wecker moved that the Budget be approved as presented with the exception of division of monies indicated under Naturalist's ~~salary and benefits~~. ^{Compensation} Seconded and approved.

Membership - 802

Carol Coggeshall, Stan Wecker and Dottie Metzler will be in charge of Earth Day 1980. The Digest wants to be affiliated with us.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Colleen McGrath.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary