

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 6, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Rita Wecker at the home of Colleen McGrath. The following members were present: Anderson, Jacoby, Maynard, McGrath, Mrstik, Lincoln, Panko, Reid, Smith, the Weckers, and Wiltse.

The minutes of the February 7, 1980, meeting were read. Drew Panko moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$22,132.97. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$35,653.16. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$359.54.

Rita Wecker moved that the Board elect Doug Maynard to fill the opening on the Board created by the resignation of Jeff Spendelow. Seconded and approved.

Dick Mrstik reported that according to his inquiries, National is unable to include Kaye Anderson under their health insurance policy. The cost of the Blue Cross individual plan will be \$337.80 a year. The additional cost of the Blue Shield Plan is \$101.04. This plan gives a free choice of doctors who are reimbursed according to a set schedule. An alternate plan costing \$158.48 pays the entire fee of participating physicians. Major medical would be \$374.92 additional with a \$2,000 deductible and paying 80% of all expenses after the deductible.

Kaye expressed her appreciation of the Board's consideration and said that she would like to be covered by health insurance.

Hoch Reid moved that Kaye be authorized to choose the medical insurance plan she prefers from among those offered, the cost of that plan to be deducted from \$13,000 per annum, and her salary be the difference. Seconded and approved.

Hoch Reid announced that the explanation of revisions and the final copy of the revised By-Laws had been brought to the meeting. Each member present is to take a copy and sign for it. Those not present are to receive copies by mail. One change which has not been covered in the explanation is Section 5 of Article III. The directors may take any action without a meeting by unanimous written consent filed in the minute book. This is to cover emergencies. Delegation of authority should be discussed by Hoch.

Rita Wecker announced that we sent some tickets to our benefit program to Vivian Rote for typing the By-Laws. She also asked the Board for permission to give John Spoor, who designed our new letter-head, a membership in SMRAS. Granted.

Rita reported that the Digest would assume overall management of an Earth Fair. There is not sufficient time to plan a fair for Spring, but perhaps there can be one in the Fall.

Hoch Reid moved that we should offer the services of a committee to the Digest for help at the Earth Fair in the Fall. Seconded and approved.

The Nominating Committee, Pam Rubin, Chairman; Ginny Wienland and Cynthia Boden have asked that their report be submitted. (attached)

Hoch Reid moved that we thank the Nominating Committee for their fine work in performing their duties as a nominating committee. Seconded and approved.

Stan Wecker moved that Kaye Anderson and Carol Coggshall be our delegates at the Northeast Regional Conference to be held September 26-28, 1980, at Cape Cod. We will reimburse them for transportation and registration. Seconded and approved.

Hoch Reid said that Mr. Sanders, the lawyer for Dr. Pruyn, had been in touch with him regarding the Adams property. The Adams want the property to be kept as a forest preserve as long as they live at their present address. They also want to have a garden on a set portion adjoining their property and the right to cut fire wood. We must apply to have the property taken off the tax rolls by June 1, 1980. We must also find out who is responsible for the payment of taxes due.

Thelma Smith moved that SMRAS be agreeable to accepting the property adjoining Gedney Brook Sanctuary to be purchased by Dr. Morgan Pruyn from Robert and Elizabeth Adams when it is offered to us by Dr. Pruyn. Seconded and approved.

The Board empowered Hoch Reid to deal with Mr. Sanders in the final agreement.

Stan Wecker moved that we go on record as asking for a definition of the use of the Adams property to be broadened to include our society's educational purposes; that it be used in a similiar manner to the adjoining Gedney Brook Sanctuary and also that we be asked for permission to cut any standing dead trees. Seconded and approved.

Membership - 795 as of January 31, 1980. Only 5% of our goal for new members has been reached, which is better than the 2% national average.

Stan Wecker said that the Board goes on record as having confidence in Thelma Smith as membership chairman. The board authorized Thelma to find out the cost of printing new chapter information to be included with applications for membership.

Colleen McGrath reported that 9 scholarship applications have been received, none of them college students.

Kaye Anderson reported that a New York City Audubon Society Chapter has been in touch with her and wants to come here for a field trip. She would suggest birding at Croton Point and Brinton Brook Sanctuary. They may need drivers. Also we may get a free crew from YCC to do work in our sanctuaries.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary