

SMRAS Board Meeting
April 3, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:19 by Frank Gillette at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Anderson, Coggeshall, Gillette, Jacoby, Metzler, Panko, Reid, the Weckers and Wiltse.

The minutes of the March 6, 1980 meeting were read. Hoch Reid moved that they be accepted as read. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$22,599.50. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$36,488.61. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$364.04.

The profit on the benefit this year was \$864.85. Last year's profit was \$686.

Carol Coggeshall reported that the 1980 Toxics grant is under way. She spent a day in Albany and had a meeting with the County Health Commissioner.

The proposed changes of the By-Laws were discussed. Article 1, Section 2. Hoch Reid will change to a more general wording than the proposed "Except for the Associate Class." Article IV, Section 5 (a) The Recording Secretary shall maintain a list of names and addresses of members of the Society etc., should be at the end of (b). (Corresponding Secretary.

Dottie Metzler moved that we accept the By-Laws as modified by Hoch Reid at this meeting. Seconded and approved.

The Weckers reported on the proposed Earth Fair. The Audubon Council is interested and expresses its desire to send a representative to a meeting with the Readers' Digest. The Digest has not yet clarified its intentions. When this is done a meeting will be held.

Stan Wecker moved that the Board thank Hoch Reid and his committee, Phyllis Jacoby, and Dick Mustik for all their work on modifying the By-Laws. Seconded and approved.

Hoch Reid reported on the Adams property acquisition. Final details are to be worked out in the general idea the Board approved. Mr. Adams wants to be allowed to cut down any dead trees he chooses, giving preference to the fallen wood and not knowingly cutting standing dead wood in which birds are nesting. We are not liable for any accident which occurs to Mr. Adams when in the garden or cutting fire wood. Dr. Pruyn has offered the services of his attorney, Mr. Sanders, for the application for tax exemption.

Dottie Metzler moved that we accept the conditions as outlined by Mr. Adams as explained by Mr. Reid. Seconded and approved.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we thank Hoch Reid for all his efforts in the acquisition of the Adams property. Seconded and approved.

Stan Wecker reported on aerial spraying. We should take a stand against spraying forested residential areas and timber land. Members should find out if they are in a spray block. Letters should be written to newspapers opposing aerial spraying of parks.

Drew Panko moved that the Board authorize a letter written by Stan Wecker and Carol Coggeshall to be sent first class, if necessary, to members of SMRAS on the subject of aerial spraying. Seconded and approved.

Scholarships have been awarded to Coleen McGrath, Mimi Shane, Bonnie Konnerth and Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

Dottie Metzler initiated a discussion of the new slate of officers and it was discovered that an error had been made by the Nominating Committee. Frank Gillette was authorized to write a letter of correction.

The Board thanked Hoch and Mona Reid for hosting the benefit speakers and Frank Gillette for the past two years as a very able president.

The next meeting will be held at the Gillettes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 pm.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary.