

SMRAS Board Meeting
May 1, 1980

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm by Doug Maynard at the home of Frank Gillette. The following members were present: Anderson, Alice and Phaedon Avouris, Bischoff, Boyd, Coggeshall, Gillette, Jacoby, Jamieson, Lincoln, Mardones, Maynard Panko, Reid, Smith, Rita and Stan Wecker and Wiltse.

The minutes of the April 3, 1980, meeting were read. Hoch Reid moved that they be accepted. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report. The balance of SMRAS - \$22,547.35. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$36,488.61. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$364.04.

Kaye Anderson and Frank Gillette reported that they had walked the boundary lines of the Adams property which adds 7 acres to the Gedney Sanctuary making a total of 60 plus acres.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she is encouraged by the enthusiastic support she had received from the toxic wastes committee. There are 21 members and regular meetings are being held.

Stan Wecker reported that he did not send a letter to the general membership on spraying for gypsy moth control. Material was published in the newspapers. Most of the townships are not spraying. A meeting was held with the county officials. Our policy is as follows: no objection to spraying county parks but we are against aerial spraying. We will try to get the county to use bt. We oppose the use of state funds for this purpose. We also oppose aerial spraying of private property.

Hoch Reid reported that the By-Laws are now in shape with changes discussed at the last meeting. 20 copies have been given to the recording secretary.

Copies were handed out for perusal by members of the Board to be returned at the next meeting.

Drew Panko reported that the Elmsford Flood Control Project is still on the back burner. There is a new schedule of field trips. There will be a September trip to Block Island.

Membership - 783 with 46 new members.

Stan Lincoln has a Bird Breeding Survey report.

Harold Bischoff reported that a scholarship fund has been set up in memory of young Light with SMRAS as custodian. Lloyd Jamieson will bring details later. Rita Wecker has received \$870 in contributions to the fund to be known as the Light Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Stan Lincoln moved that SMRAS agrees to accept contributions to the Light Memorial Scholarship Fund, to act as custodian of those funds and eventually to determine the manner in which the funds shall be disbursed and to execute the disbursement. The Education Committee is requested to prepare a proposal for a scholarship fund and its operation. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko moved that for the time being we take the present monies of SMRAS as they come due and put them into the money market funds and that the Board authorize the Treasurer to do so. Seconded and approved with one 'no' vote.

Kaye Anderson reported that there would be a work day at Brinton Brook on June 8, 1980

The Corresponding Secretary said she had written to the Light Family.

Lloyd Jamieson reported that the Education Committee had had a meeting and had decided to use volunteer services of scholarship winners to lead trail walks in the Fall for young people. One of the winners wants to work with Kaye in the classrooms.

Stan Wecker would like to form a program committee. Ginny Weinland, Lee Boyd, Alice and Phaedon Avouris will be members.

Rita reported that the Digest wants to know what kind of Earth Fair we want so they would know what is expected of them. Other societies should be included. Carol suggested that a meeting be set up. Kaye Anderson and Harold Bischoff volunteered.

Frank Gillette reported that National has agreed to sell the land at Graff to the people who have encroached upon it at a price of \$12,000 for .7 (seven tenths) of an acre.

Frank Gillette moved that the Bank of New York be designated as a repository of the monies of the society. Seconded and approved.

The June meeting will be held at the home of Dottie Metzler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary