

SMRAS Board Meeting
October 2, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Doug Maynard at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Alice and Phaedon Avouris, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Nano Mardones, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Thelma Smith, Rita and Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the September 4, 1980 meeting were read and accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$15,183.44. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$37,188.55. The Laura M. Brinton Memorial Fund - \$368.60. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,340.00.

Rita Wecker thanked Frank Gillette for all the help he has given on the books. The Programming and Systems stock has been sold and a check will be received soon. The net amount is \$2,563.29. Our books are being kept as recommended for non-profit organizations.

President's report:

The audit report has been approved by the Auditing Committee.

A letter has been received from FWC thanking us for our increased contribution.

A letter from National says they plan to have a birdathon in the Spring for raising money.

This item should be in the Bulletin.

The Audubon Ecology Workshop has written thanking SMRAS for sending Bonnie Konnerth, Elizabeth Filtzgerald, Colleen McGrath and Mimi Shane.

Dr. Kaufman has some property he wants to turn over to us. As this property is adjacent to Brinton Brook, we will look at it.

National Audubon has a speaker who would like to come to a board meeting to discuss techniques of fund raising. We will find out first how long this presentation will take. Cynthia Boden is willing to serve on next year's Nominating Committee.

Frank Gillette reported that since the bird seed business is in such disarray, the sale date of October 23 cannot be met and we will have to set the date back two weeks.

Stan Wecker reported that the Block Island Trip had nice weather, but slow birding.

Stan Wecker moved that we pay National \$7.50 shipping charges on magazines they have sent us. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko reported that the trip to Hook Mountain had to be cancelled because of dry weather. The group went to Jamaica Bay instead where the birding was good.

Membership - 757. Of our 137 new members, 55 we got; 82 came through National. National has a new campaign to promote memberships as Christmas gifts. Beginning Oct 1 to March 31

Kaye Anderson sent word that the fence at Brinton Has been repaired.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she and Kaye had enjoyed the trip to Cape Cod in spite of bad weather. They saw whales, petrels and sheerwaters among other things.

Judy Brigham has suggested that Regional Conferences be mentioned in the Bulletin. More people might be interested in attending if they knew about them.

Drew Panko moved that we authorize Carol Coggeshall to state the position of SMRAS as being in favor of the resolution on returnable bottle legislation introduced by Diane Lane. Seconded and approved.

Carol expressed appreciation to her committee on toxics who helped at the Grange Fair and New Castle Day. They made a worthwhile effort. She has had an invitation to a meeting of the conference on toxics. It may be possible to get another grant.

The Bird Watchers' Digest will be sent to Kaye.

Doug Maynard Moved that the By-Laws be changed. Article VI, Section 1. The Board of Directors shall annually elect, at least six months prior to the date of the annual meeting, a Nominating Committee. Seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Hoch Reid.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary