

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 4, 1980

The meeting was called to order by Doug Maynard at 8:20 p.m. at the home of the Weckers. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Alice Avouris, Harold Bischoff, Frank Gillette, Phyllis Jacoby, Stan Lincoln, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Thelma Smith, Eleanor Swink, Rita and Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the November 6, 1980, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$22,510.99. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$36,488.61. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,342.34.

The seed sale showed a profit of \$3,230.30 and the benefit \$455.40. The profit on the benefit was less this year than last and that on the seed sale more. Thelma Smith suggested using non-profit mailing for the benefit next year to reduce expenses.

Mr. Danneman of National will try to come to our next Board Meeting.

Frank Gillette said that the request to have a stipulation that if Audubon should sell the Kaufman property, the Kaufman heirs would benefit, would probably not be acceptable to IRS.

Frank Gillette reminded the Board that all people taking part in the Christmas Count should be paid. ^{by SMRAS} in our area

Jill Burckmyer will be Hospitality Chairman.

Dottie Metzler will be chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Doug Maynard appointed Stan Wecker, Drew Panko and Kaye Anderson to be a committee to secure further information on the study of the bitterling in the Saw Mill River which a biology student has asked us to sponsor. Drew Panko said a study should be made of all the fish in the river. Kaye Anderson said money for research should go to our sanctuaries. A report will be made at the January meeting.

Stan Wecker reported that the benefit no longer pays expenses for the chapter. A discussion followed on how to make more money. Frank Gillette suggested we raise the price of a ticket for adults to \$4.00 but keep children to \$2.00. Kaye Anderson said wolves on some other live animals might draw better attendance. She will check with Jamestown about the series offered by National.

The Westchester Audubon Council will hold a meeting March 21, 1981.

Drew Panko should be sent to the National Conference to be held July 5-6, 1981.

Kaye Anderson reported that Mr. Weinstein had contributed \$1,000 toward work to be done at Brinton Brook. George, an employee of Mr. W's, is to do the work but is to do nothing without Kaye's approval. He has taken down an elm which improves the entrance. The bronze plac for Brinton has been found. We should ask George about replacing it. Property adjacent to Brinton is being developed. The suggestion was made that we might approach the builder to see if he would give us the property that is part of our watershed.

Membership - 774. It may be possible to increase our membership by promoting student memberships at various colleges in the area.

Thelma Smith moved that we pay \$45. for Audubon Encyclopedia of North American Birds. Seconded and approved.

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Alice Avouris went to a toxics meeting on new areas affected by acid rain. There should be an article in the Bulletin to inform members. It is hoped that tests can be made at various sanctuaries to see if they have been affected.

Frank Gillette said that Edith Hartmann should be thanked for her help with the seed sale.

Stan Lincoln moved that we go on record as to our intent to renounce our responsibilities in regard to managing Thurber Sanctuary. Seconded and approved with one abstention.

Doug Maynard said he thought we should find ways to involve more members in the work of SMRAS.

Harold Bischoff will talk with Mrs. Light about the disposition of the scholarship fund. We are waiting for a settlement from Con Ed to see how much money will be available.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Lloyd Jamieson on January 8, 1981.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary