

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 5, 1981

The meeting was called to order by Doug Maynard at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Harold Bischoff, Alice Avouris, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Phyllis Jacoby, Doug Maynard, Hoch Reid, Thelma Smith, Eleanor Swink, Rita and Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the January 8, 1981, meeting were read and accepted as corrected.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - \$23,640.22. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$36,588.61. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,448.82.

Doug Maynard announced that there would be a symposium on the gypsy moth at Purchase SUNY on March 14, 1981, and Central Westchester is sponsoring a Regional Workshop at the PepsiCo Headquarters in Purchase on March 21, 1981.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we send \$1.00 per member (\$766.) in response to the request from National Audubon for contributions to John James Audubon Wild Life Fund. Seconded and approved.

Thelma Smith moved that the contribution of funds we are giving to National be specifically designated for the use in promoting the National Audubon Population Program. Seconded and approved.

Stan Wecker reported that New Castle has two building projects which involve wetlands, the Berenson and Turner properties. SMRAS should go on record as being concerned about high density housing in these areas. Also the town wants to put a path through a wetlands area. SMRAS should write to the Town Board, Planning Board and Conservation Board expressing concern.

In regard to the gypsy moth, we are against having our sanctuaries sprayed and should communicate with individual town boards. Carol Coggeshall and Stan Wecker will draft a statement from SMRAS.

Phyllis Jacoby has one more year to serve on the Board, but would like to resign at the end of our calendar year and suggested that the hospitality chairman take her place on the Board.

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Harold Bischoff said that the Education Committee plans to set aside the education fund for the time being and perhaps have a fund drive for the scholarship program should additional funds be needed. Board approval is required.

Frank Gillette moved that we obtain the services of a CPA for an audit of the Society's books for this year. Seconded and approved.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she had attended a toxics workshop with the big subject hazardous wastes. A report should be published in the next Bulletin.

Kaye Anderson reported that the boa constrictor which she used in her talks has died. She has had one call from a boy in Armonk with snakes for sale.

Carol Coggeshall moved that we appropriate the money to buy the snakes for Kaye's use in her programs. Seconded and approved.

Kaye also reported that the lumbering project at Kitchiwan has been dropped.

The next meeting will be at the home of Thelma Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary