

SMRAS Board Meeting  
June 4, 1981

The meeting was called to order by Robert Keyes at 8:10 p.m. at the home of Carol Coggeshall. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Alice & Phaedon Avouris, Lee Boyd, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Robert Keyes, Drew Panko, Barbara Spengler, Rita and Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the May 7, 1981, Board meeting were read. Drew Panko moved that they be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The balance of SMRAS - ~~\$25,485~~ <sup>\$25,112.95</sup>. The Sanctuary Endowment Fund - \$36,588.61. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,480.29.

Mr. Keyes reported that Marion Neubauer will not be able to assume the Treasurer's job. He thanked Rita again for carrying on.

Rita Wecker moved that Ellen Heidelberger be designated as the new Treasurer. Seconded and approved.

Carol had a questionnaire received from National to be filled out listing any complaints or suggestions for articles. Robert Keyes said he has had trouble with the billing from National and Frank Gillette commented that he thought articles in the Audubon magazine were too long and sometimes difficult to read. It was also suggested that a newsletter on alternate months would be helpful. Drew Panko felt there should be more bird material in the magazine. Stan Wecker said we should circulate a list of all of National's publications, that members might be interested in subscribing to some of the others in addition to Audubon. Kaye Anderson said we should have more details about all the things National says it does.

Kaye reported that she had hired a college student, Doug Gilbert, for summer work at the sanctuaries. He will be an independent contractor.

Thelma Smith is now a member of the Program Committee.

Frank Gillette reported that he had told Mrs. Corey to get in touch with National concerning the additional property she wants to buy at Graff.

Carol Coggeshall reported that she had sent in a petition on the Bottle Bill. The Conservation Committee will work on the problem of sludge disposal and try to learn more about the long term effects of ocean disposal as opposed to land disposal.

Frank Gillette moved that Carol Coggeshall be authorized to write a letter in support of the Bill on soil and water conservation, which allows Westchester County to commence a civil action to enforce compliance with provisions of any local, state or federal law which controls or prevents soil erosion or flooding. Seconded and approved.

Carol said she has received a \$10,000. grant for the study of soil and water.

The Board decided that Carol should use her own judgment in dealing with Nicoah.

The Northeast Regional office's release on the clean air act should go in the Bulletin.

Stan Wecker said the Education Committee has decided that if there is to be no follow-up on the conference at Cape Cod, there ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> no point in having the program. Sending ~~emphasize~~ <sup>emphasize</sup> delegates

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Drew Panko said that the Birdathon had raised \$70. which will be split three ways.

Frank Gillette said George Merkle had gone over the books and was generally pleased with the changes following his suggestions, but thinks more work is needed. His bill was \$185. The Auditing Committee should audit the books by September.

Midge Arnold moved that Kaye's mileage allowance be increased to 20¢ a mile. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko will be reimbursed for <sup>travel</sup> expenses to the National Conference at Estes Park up to the cost of coach air fare.

Rita Wecker moved that Ellen Heidelberger replace Marion Neubauer on the Summer Committee. Seconded and approved.

The September Board meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse.

There being no further business, Frank Gillette moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary