

SMRAS Board Meeting
September 3, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 p.m. by Doug Maynard at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Robert Keyes, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Barbara Spengler, Rita Wecker, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the June 4, 1981, Board meeting were read. Robert Keyes moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The excess of revenue over expense April 1 - August 31, 1981, \$205.22. The balance - \$25,582.98. The Endowment Fund - \$36,588.61. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,499.84.

The President announced that there are two vacancies on the Board caused by the resignations of Eleanor Swink and Marion Neubauer.

Frank Gillette moved that Noa Fusco be elected to the Board to replace Eleanor Swink. Seconded and approved.

Carol Coggeshall and Sam Smart were suggestions for a replacement for Marion Neubauer. The vote was nine for Carol and one for Sam.

Stan Wecker moved that Carol Coggeshall be elected to the Board to replace Marion Neubauer. Seconded and approved.

Dottie Metzler would like to be replaced as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. She thinks she has exhausted the list of people she knows and would not be of much help. Doug Maynard suggested that the By-Laws be modified so that a member of the Board could serve on the Nominating Committee. Hoch Reid said that a Board member could sit in and not be a member of the committee. Thelma Smith was suggested as chairman.

The Northeast Regional Conference will be held at Lake Placid June 11-13, 1982.

Doug Maynard asked about plans for the coming year. Shall we continue with the usual things we have done or are there other objectives to plan for? Should we work on something special?

Drew Panko reported on his trip to the conference at Estes Park last summer. It was proposed that each chapter adopt a wild life refuge such as Jamaica Bay. Kaye Anderson said our own sanctuaries need support. Drew also reported that the energy plan which was set forth in the July "Audubon" seems a good plan and that education is about the only way to start. Brochures could be included with the "Bulletin".

"American Birds" is in financial trouble and has asked for suggestions to help overcome their problems. Stan Wecker suggested members who have special interest get together with Drew to see if they can come up with some ideas.

Frank Gillette reported that the Auditing Committee is not entirely happy with the way our books are being kept. On consulting with George Merkle he found that what we are doing is correct, also what the auditors want is correct and the Treasurer can use either method.

Traffic at Jamaica Bay is a problem and suggestions as to how to solve it would be welcome.

The Graff Sanctuary problem is still alive. A contract to survey has been made by National.

Frank Gillette will be chairman of the seed sale which will be held at the Hartmann's. No date has been set - probably November.

Frank Gillette moved that a committee consisting of Alice Avouris, Roger Christian, Thelma Smith and Rita Wecker be set up to deal with the problem caused by the membership applications being addressed to National; so that we do not always get credit for those we obtain. Seconded and approved.

Kaye Anderson reported that the right of way at Gedney was walked on August 17, 1981. Her Annual Report is attached hereto.

Kaye said that interest in the sanctuaries should be promoted. Perhaps a return post card asking people if they have used the sanctuaries could be included in a "Bulletin". A booklet on our sanctuaries would be advantageous.

Membership as of July 31, 1981 - 769.

Stan Wecker said that National is not making any moves to start a junior program. We should see if we can get a representative group together.

Ellen Heidelberger reported that we now have a corporate seal which she purchased for \$25.

Frank Gillette moved that we transfer \$6,000 to the Endowment Fund. Seconded and approved.

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

There being no further business, Drew Panko moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary