

SMRAS Board Meeting  
November 5, 1981

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Doug Maynard at the home of Hoch Reid. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Lee Boyd, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Robert Keyes, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Barbara Spengler, Rita and Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the October 1, 1981, Board meeting were read. Hoch Reid moved that they be accepted as corrected. "difficulties with NYCOH over National participation" rather than "SMRAS participation;" and "Gedney maps will be available soon" rather than "are now available". Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The excess of expense over Revenue April 1 - October 31, 1981, \$687.07. The balance - \$18,691.69. The Endowment Fund - \$42,588.61. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,520.08.

Dot Rath will be chairman of the Christmas Tea again this year.

Frank Gillette suggested that some recognition of the service contributed by the Mstiks be given at the Tea if they can be persuaded to attend. Carol Coggeshall will invite them and Dick will be invited to say a few words.

Hoch Reid moved that the Nominating Committee be Thelma Smith, Chairman; Phyllis Jacoby, and Lois Lober. Seconded and approved. ~~They must be elected at a general meeting.~~

Doug Maynard reported that Lloyd Jamieson cannot continue as chairman of the Education Committee and suggestions are needed on how to get things moving. The mission of the committee should be to formulate suggestions for policy, select candidates for scholarships and determine how the Light Scholarship Fund is to be used. Also there should be some program to improve our image with teenagers.

Kaye Anderson reported that the Bedford Chapter is showing films from National to middle schools in an effort to interest more young people. We should help send young people on the whaling trip in the Spring.

After a discussion on whether or not the transfer compaction plant adjacent to Cherrick would be a threat to that sanctuary, the Board decided that Carol's report to FWC should be sufficient to assure them that there is no threat at this time.

National has designated November as citizen mobilization campaign. We will pass out material at general meetings urging people to write letters.

Frank Gillette reported a stalemate at Graff.

Bob Keyes suggested a committee to record unusual birds, etc. Kaye said she has sent feeder records to Sam Smart. Benna Weisman is also a contact. Drew Panko will be the filtering agent to pass on material on birds at the State level. A note should be put in the Bulletin.

Bob Keyes said we should keep track of the suit which has been filed against the Town of Ossining for giving tax exemption to areas such as Thurber.

Membership is 782 as of September 30, 1981.

Alice Avouris has obtained labels to affix to membership applications to help us get credit for obtaining members.

Midge Arnold suggested that with the hope of getting more people active in SMRAS each Board Member take five names to invite on field trips, etc.

Lee Boyd moved we expand Members Night by having paintings, carvings, etc. displayed in addition to slides. Midge Arnold to be in charge. Seconded and approved.

The Bulletin should be sent to the Audubon Club at Ossining High School.

Barbara Appel has a mimeograph machine she would like to sell. Kaye could find a use for it.

Frank Gillette moved that we pay \$25., the cost for Kaye to attend the American Nature Study winter workshop. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko reported there will be a field trip to Playland in November and the Christmas Count in December.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Bob Keyes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary