

SMRAS Board Meeting  
January 7, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Doug Maynard at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Stan Lincoln. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Harold Bischoff, Carol Coggeshall, Ellen Heidelberger, Robert Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Doug Maynard, Hoch Reid, Barbara Spengler, Rita and Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the December 3, 1981, meeting were read. Hoch Reid moved that they be accepted as corrected. Time of meeting 8:30, not 7:30. Seconded and approved.  
4-1 to 12-31-81

The Treasurer's report: The excess of Revenue over Expense - \$3,666.56. The balance: \$23,045.32. The Endowment Fund: \$42,688.61. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$1,545.08

The profit on the benefit this year was \$916.75.

The names of the nominating committee were announced at the Christmas Tea by Doug Maynard. They are: Thelma Smith, Chairman; Phyllis Jacoby and Lois Lober.

A check for \$1,000. has been received from the Weinstens. This money is to be spent at Brinton Brook.

A copy of the minutes of the Board meetings should be sent to Noa Fusco, editor of the Bulletin, since she will be unable to attend meetings for some time.

Dottie Metzler, Chairman of the Education Committee, gave an overview of that committee. It has been in existence since about 1975. The purpose was to plan the best use of Kaye Anderson's expanded time schedule and also the goals, objectives and strategies for SMRAS. A Long Range Planning Committee was also organized. Its decision was that our money should be put into personnel and sanctuaries rather than buildings.

Lloyd Jamieson will continue to be a member of the Education Committee. Other members in addition to Dottie Metzler are Colleen McGrath, Dr. Pruyn and Kaye Anderson. It would be desirable to get more members on the committee.

Stan Lincoln moved that the Treasurer be authorized to invest the Light Scholarship money in a segregated money market fund so that interest earnings can be accumulated to that fund. Seconded and approved.

Stan Wecker said we need more publicity.

Hoch Reid has reviewed our insurance policies and finds the auto coverage is adequate. The comprehensive liability for properties may not be adequate. The owner should be insured to protect us. We may need some temporary coverage. Kaye Anderson will find out about the arrangement with Nature Conservancy regarding Thurber; so we can decide what to do.

Carol Coggeshall presented an item to be published in the Bulletin to encourage people to write congressmen on environmental issues.

Barbara Spengler reported that one of the bags of bird seed she purchased at the seed sale was full of dirt.

Membership - 783 as of 11-30-81. We are third in the N.E. Region for renewed memberships.

The Putnam bird count included a golden eagle and several bald eagles.

The next meeting will be at the home of the Weckers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary