

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 4, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Frank Gillette at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Ellen Heidelberger. Doug Maynard took over when he arrived later. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Lee Boyd, Roger Christian, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Stan Lincoln, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Betty Wiltse and Noa Fusco.

The minutes of the February 4, 1982, meeting were read. Alice Avouris moved that they be accepted as corrected. "Brochures about the trip he is leading to Kenya" be added rather than just "brochures". Seconded and approved.

The Treasurer's report: The excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1981 - Feb. 28, 1982 \$6,539.34. The balance: \$25,918.10. The Endowment Fund: \$41,688.61. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$1,572.69.

Hoch Reid said a letter is needed from Nature Conservancy stating that we are protected by their insurance policy at Thurber. Dayton, Corey will be asked to remove both Thurber and Brinton from our policy.

After a discussion as to whether or not Mr. Adams has violated the agreement concerning the cutting of trees on the property purchased from him and added to Gedney by Dr. Pruyn, Frank Gillette suggested that Kaye Anderson ask to inspect trees to be cut in the future.

The report of the Education Committee (attached) in which it was recommended that a new Scholarship Fund be established was discussed.

Stan Lincoln moved that we accept the report of the Education Committee with keen interest and general support of concepts and appoint a committee consisting of the President, Chairman of the Education Committee and Chairman of the Finance Committee to produce a statement of alternatives and to meet with the Lights. Seconded and approved.

Thelma Smith, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, made a report on the slate of officers for the coming year.

Hoch Reid moved that the Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee (copy attached) be adopted. Seconded and approved.

The New York Regional Conference will be held at Lake Placid in June.

Frank Gillette moved that we renew our membership in Public Lands Institute - fee \$25. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko moved that SMRAS contribute \$100. toward the expenses of Berna Weisman for work on the Breeding Bird Atlas. Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko will be coordinator of the Birdathon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Porter will be asked to be the Auditing Committee.

A copy of the letters concerning the Endangered Species and Clean Air Acts will be included in the Bulletin. Also an announcement should be made at the general meeting, encouraging people to write their own letters.

The Chappaqua Garden Club will again contribute to the Scholarships.

The feeling of the Board was that SMRAS should contribute half the expenses of the Audubon Club of Ossining High School for attendance at the Whale Watch on May 22, 1982.

IBM now has a matching grants program.

Kaye Anderson recommended that we purchase a slide program, The Year of the Eagle, to be used at the schools. Cost - \$13.95.

Frank Gillette reported that Brinton needs gravel on the parking lot. Kaye will find out where to buy it.

Membership - 804. We remain in 6th place on renewals.

Midge Arnold will inquire about holding our next meeting at Teatown.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary