

SMRAS Board Meeting
June 3, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Pam Rubin at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Coggeshall. The following members were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burchmyer, Roger Christian, Carol Coggeshall, Ellen Heidelberger, Robert Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Doug Maynard, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the May 6, 1982, Board Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1982 - May 31, 1982 \$1,050.03. The balance - \$18,949.97. The Endowment Fund: \$45,109.15. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,572.69. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,060.00.

The President read a letter from the Audubon Club of Ossining High School expressing appreciation for the whale watch trip.

Sam Smart and Dick Weinland have agreed to audit the Treasurer's books.

Something should be done about cleaning up the New Castle Recycling Center.

Peter Burchmyer moved that the Summer Committee be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Midge Arnold and Alice Avouris. Seconded and carried.

Carol Coggeshall recommended we keep the same Nominating Committee if they will agree. Hoch Reid said it would be a good idea to have one new member each year who could learn the procedure for the next year.

Hoch Reid moved that we adopt the proposed Amendment to Section 1, Article III (attached) allowing for a change in the size of the Board. Seconded and carried. 9 yeases, 4 noes.

Hoch Reid moved that we amend Section 1 further to read: "Such action shall be taken at a regular meeting of the Board held two months or more prior to the month in which the annual meeting of members is held..." Seconded and carried.

Bob Keyes moved that we adopt an additional change to Section 1, Article III (attached) Seconded. Motion defeated. 2 yeases, 11 noes.

Pam Rubin said that the N.E. Region has asked that we make a list of National priority goals in the order of their importance. Carol Coggeshall said it would be difficult to prioritize. The sentiment of the Board was that the decision would be left up to those people attending the N.E. Regional Conference, suggesting that there be no rigid priorities.

Membership - 795 as of April 30, 1982.

Stan Lincoln agreed to be Chairman of a Pancake Supper to be held sometime next season.

Stan Lincoln moved that Stan Wecker write a letter to the Town of New Castle urging them to accept that portion of Hemlock Hills Development which the developer has offered to the Town for conservation purposes. Seconded and carried.

Carol Coggeshall reported that Briarcliff has come out in opposition to the proposed location of a transfer station. She feels that it is not a bad site. Bob Keyes will inspect it with her to see if he agrees. Stan Lincoln said we should take issue with Briarcliff for their use of an Audubon Bird Sanctuary as an excuse for not having a compacting station in that location.

Carol Coggeshall appeared on a Cable TV Program on the gypsy moth.

The question of closing Indian Point was discussed.

Doug Maynard moved that we support the position outlined by Stan Wecker and that Stan Wecker, Pam Rubin and Carol Coggshall be authorized to draft a statement of our position. (attached) Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker moved that we appropriate whatever money is necessary to send Kaye Anderson as a leader on the Block Island Trip next September. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 9, at the home of Betty Wiltse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary