

SMRAS Board Meeting  
September 9, 1982

The meeting was called to order by Pam Rubin at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Harold Bischoff, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the June 3, 1982, Board Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue June 1-August 31, 1982, \$1,363.61.. The balance - \$18,636.39. The Endowment Fund - \$45,109.15. The Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$1,626.64. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,238.00.

The President reported that the Auditing Committee has audited the books and found them to be in order.

Stan Wecker and Frank Gillette objected to the wording of the Amendment to Section 1, Article III of the By-Laws.

The President reported that she had attended the Northeast Regional Conference at Lake Placid with Carol Coggeshall and Donna Nye. National's No. 1 priority for the next year is the youth (8 through college) program, which is to encourage young people to participate in activities sponsored by Audubon chapters. General membership drives should be concentrated in two to three weeks.

Kaye Anderson is our representative with the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs. It was suggested that some of the copies of their publication King Bird be brought to the general meetings.

Drew Panko will be attending the conference of the FNYSSBC in October at Riverhead, L.I.

IBM has approved a matching grants program. This should appear in the Bulletin.

New Castle Community Day will be September 25, 1982.

The three members of the Nominating Committee have agreed to continue for the next year with Thelma Smith as Chairman. Other members are Lois Lober and Phyllis Jacoby.

The Budget Committee - Doug Maynard, Chairman, with Peter Burckmeyer, Ellen Heidelberger, Pam Rubin, Stan Lincoln and Frank Gillette.

Sophie Keyes will chair the Christmas Tea.

Publicity Committee - Barbara Spengler, Chairman, with Mickey Spano, Lee Boyd and Roger Christian.

Barbara Plaisted will be in charge of hospitality at general meetings.

Noa Fusco has resigned as editor of the Bulletin and indicated her intent to resign from the Board.

The Pancake Supper will be held October 15.

Dottie Metzler is holding meetings of the Education Committee.

The Summer Committee has agreed that we should indicate our interest in acquiring the property adjacent to Gedney Sanctuary offered in connection with the N. Varsames Subdvn. However, the Planning Board has denied the Varsames application.

Each Sanctuary has an inactive chairman who should pay more attention to the problems of the sanctuaries.

Kaye Anderson has a contract with Saw Mill River Audubon Society. She also has a file of Bulletins.

Carol Coggeshall reported that the N.Y. State Political Action Committee for the Environment has good people on it and while the Society cannot endorse candidates, their candidates can be supported by individual members. A notice should appear in the Bulletin.

Carol Coggeshall and Stan Wecker will draft a statement of our position on Indian Point.

Bob Keyes and Carol Coggeshall visited the proposed site of the compacting station and think it is a good site on high, dry land. However, it is not certain that the plant will be put there. The Briarcliff ~~Committee~~ <sup>Conservation Advisory Commission</sup> has made statements about it that are not true.

Stan Wecker moved that the Society support Pam Rubin and Carol Coggeshall in their attendance at the New York State Environmental Convention at Albany, October 22-24. Seconded and carried.

Kaye Anderson said we should have some input concerning the development of the Rockefeller property as a state park. The employees should be discouraged from killing coyotes and foxes. FWC should work with SMRAS on this problem.

We will continue our membership with Clearwater at \$15.

Drew Panko reported that the two field trips to the bay area were very successful. He and Kaye are doing a butterfly count at Brinton Brook. He and Trudy Pattaly have an NAS grant to study effects of acid rain on salamanders.

Kaye reported that she had walked the Devoe Right of Way at Gedney with Susan Blair on August 10, 1982.

Frank Gillette has made an exhibit board for use at general meetings etc.

Drew Panko moved that we spend \$40. for a master sign for the sanctuaries. Seconded and carried.

Drew Panko moved that we pay Kay's expenses to the Mid-Atlantic--N.E. Regional Conference on the management of Lands & programs November 13-14. Seconded and carried.

Kaye Anderson's annual report is attached hereto.

Midge Arnold reported that the High School Audubon Club in Ossining will continue. The question on how to help them was brought up. Tickets to the benefit and an invitation to a field trip were suggested.

Frank Gillette moved that an authorization be made for a special mailing on the seed sale to be held the first weekend in November, if required. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Frank Gillette.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary