

SMRAS Board Meeting
April 7, 1983

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 p.m. by Pam Rubin at the home of Peter Burckmyer. The following members were present: Kaye Anderson, Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Harold Bischoff, Carol Coggeshall, Ed Kanze, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Lester Holmes, Drew Panko, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the March 3, 1983, meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983 - \$6,363.76. The ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Balance - \$26,363.76. The Endowment Fund - \$45,209.15. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$5,431.64. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,533.00.

Frank Gillette moved that the surplus be moved to the Endowment Fund. Seconded and carried. 12 yes; 1 no.

The President received a notice that the Audubon Ark is coming to this area next year.

Frank Gillette said that he has had notice from National that they will start negotiating with Mrs. Corey. Hopefully he will get a complete answer next month.

National says that we should not give our membership list to outside organizations without their permission.

Frank Gillette suggested that we dispense with the reading of the minutes at the Annual Meeting and that a few xeroxed copies of those minutes be available for those who might wish to see them.

Membership - 798 as of March 1, 1983.

The Awards Committee announced that an award will be made to Stan Wecker at the Annual Meeting.

Kaye Anderson and Carol Coggeshall went to look at the property near Brinton Brook but couldn't tell where the boundaries were and will have to wait until they find out before making a report.

Drew Panko said that new leaders are needed for the hiking and cross-country skiing sponsored by SMRAS.

After a discussion as to the purpose of the Bulletin the Board decided that the editors should be more sensitive to the information given in articles submitted. Hoch Reid suggested that we abolish the rule of keeping the Bulletin to four pages.

Peter Burckmyer reported progress on the Membership Drive. A letter will be sent to seed buyers with Lester Holmes' signature.

Frank Gillette reported that the Solar Homes trip was not very successful. Only three people took part.

Harold Bischoff reported that there is one applicant for the Larry Light Scholarship and four for the Audubon Ecology Camp. The four are Nancy Fusco, who will receive the Chappaqua Garden Club Award, Roger and Michelle Garrison and Joyce Kanze.

Carol Coggeshall said that the cost of attending Scenic Hudson Conference at the Bear Mountain Inn is \$55. She has applied for a scholarship which will probably be \$20. and would like SMRAS to pay some or all of the balance.

In regard to the Lady Gabrielle property, Carol Coggeshall has written to the New Castle Board urging them to be sure that the wetlands laws are observed.

Frank Gillette moved that \$10. be paid for having SMRAS's name included in "People and Places" put out by the New York State Outdoor Association. Seconded and carried.

SMRAS is against having the morning dove a game bird.

The next meeting will be at the home of Midge Arnold.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary