

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 2, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Pam Rubin at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Harold Bischoff. The following members were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burchmeyer, Harold Bischoff, Carol Coggeshall, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson was also present. Sophie Keyes

The minutes of the January 5, 1984, Board Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1983 - January 31, 1984, - \$12,398.75. The balance - \$32,398.75. The Endowment Fund - \$51,672.91. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$5,749.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,954.

The President announced that the N.E. Regional Conference will be held June 15-17, 1984.

We will renew our membership in Public Lands Institute.

It was decided that Carol Coggeshall should do whatever she feels appropriate for our involvement in the problems concerning the Pocantico Valley Development. She will also follow through on Briarcliff Manor's plan to fill in Kenning's Cove to make a parking lot.

A check for \$500 has been received from Mr. Weinstein to pay the attorney's fee for looking into the Bastys' situation. The Board decided Sawmill will pay the attorney's fee when we get a report on the work he has done, approved by Carol Coggeshall. Then we will accept Mr. Weinstein's check.

It was also decided that we should not be a tool of the private property owners adjacent to the Bastys' development. Our interests may not be the same. Kaye Anderson said the taxpayers probably have more influence than SMRAS.

Membership as of December 31, 1983 - 839.

Kaye Anderson said the Chase Manhattan Neighborhood Grants Program will enable Sawmill to hire a college student to do work on the sanctuaries this summer.

Donna Nye moved that the Board adopt the budget as presented. (copy attached) Seconded and approved.

Drew Panko reported that seven people went on the Montauk Trip. They saw 65 species including a peregrine falcon.

Report on sanctuaries - Mark Penn noted that Cherrick's board walkway needs replacing. Carol Coggeshall said it would not be worth it. Cherrick should be left as a small swamp land. It does need some new signs.

The next meeting will be at Stan Wecker's.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary