

SMRAS Board Meeting  
June 7, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 p.m. by Hoch Reid at the home of Midge Arnold. The following members were present: Midge Arnold, Peter Burckmyer, Lee Boyd, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Ed Kanze, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Doug Maynard, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson and Judy Rosenthal were also present.

The minutes of the May 3, 1984, Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Lee Boyd should be added as assisting with the refreshments at the June 7 meeting.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1984 - May 31, 1984, \$829.66. The Balance - \$19,170.34. The Endowment Fund - \$58,640.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$5,126.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,142.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$4,194.35.

Pam Rubin reported that she had presented a certificate to Sonja Hartmann at an Awards Assembly at Horace Greeley H.S. and that she also had written to Sonja congratulating her on receiving the scholarship for Earth Trek and had received a thank you note from Sonja.

Frank Gillette moved that the Board authorize \$100 to be paid to renew our membership in FWC. Seconded and carried.

FWC needs support of environmentalists in this County. Feature articles should be written for the Bulletin to help them get a larger membership.

Judy Rosenthal said the development of the Lady Gabriel Estates has a potential for contamination. Drainage is a concern. An environmental impact statement should be given to the New Castle Planning Board. Judy is also looking into the effects of the use of growth retardant which Con Edison is injecting into trees.

Susie and David Arnold will man the booth for SMRAS at the Clearwater Festival. Carol Coggshall and Judy Rosenthal will attend and take material for the booth. Lee Boyd will make an exhibit for toxic waste. Membership applications and maps should also be available for anyone interested in our Society.

Stan Wecker has a supply of stationery if anyone needs some. He also announced that the Benefit Program next Fall will be an Audubon Wild Life Film entitled "Encounters of the Floral Kind". The cost is \$450.

Kaye Anderson reported that the cost of planks to be used in the wetter sanctuaries is \$13.76 each. Planks to be 13 ft. long and 9 inches wide. She estimates that 20 planks will be enough.

Frank Gillette moved that the Board authorize an expenditure up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of materials and labor for repair of walks at Gedney and Pinecliff. None of the materials are to be treated. Seconded and carried.

Lee Boyd moved that expenses and registration cost for Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin and Midge Arnold in attending the N.E. Regional Conference June 15-17, 1984, be paid by SMRAS. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker moved that Frank Gillette be authorized to write a letter to National insisting that we must have a management agreement for managing Brinton Brook and Graff Sanctuaries. The letter is to be approved by Hoch Reid. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln moved that SMRAS not contribute to the John James Audubon Wild Life Fund at this time. Seconded and carried.

The Summer Committee will be Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Ellen Heidelberger, Barbara Spengler and Lee Boyd.

The President thanked the Arnolds, Barbara Spengler and Lee Boyd for hosting this meeting.

The September 6, 1984, meeting will be held at the home of Hoch Reid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wittse  
Recording Secretary