

SMRAS Board Meeting
September 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at his home at 8:30 p.m. The following members were present: Alice Avouris, Harold Bischoff, Lee Boyd, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Judy Rosenthal and Stan Wecker, Kaye Anderson and Berna Weismann were also present.

The Secretary was absent and the minutes were not read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1984 - August 31, 1984 \$451.74. The Balance - \$19,548.26. Endowment Fund - \$58,690.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$5,265. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,309. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$4,389.35.

Hoch congratulated Sophie on the fine Bulletin, an excellent issue. He particularly enjoyed Frank's and Alice's contributions, and, of course, the daddy-longlegs.

Hoch wants an orderly arrangement for storing and updating Society files. Some things should be more generally available and some should be thrown out. We need an archivist to be responsible for a continuing collection: (1) Bulletins; (2) tax returns; (3) Minutes. Kaye has 1 & 3 and will see if she and Hal can put together a collection of important papers. Frank Gillette has four boxes of files they should take.

The National dinner will be awarding a Grand Prize Medal. They will let us have a table for \$500 or \$50 a ticket. If several Board Members wanted to go, we could have members pay \$25 each and the Society pay the balance. In the past we have paid the expenses of 1 or 2 people to represent us there.

National Audubon Convention is at Silver Bay on June 16, 1985.

New Castle Community Day is in September, 1984.

New York State Bird Clubs conference - we will be represented by Berna Wiesmann, who is their secretary.

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Light's \$1667 donation will be matched by SBM 2 to 1 at the end of the year, bringing the total to \$5000. Also there is a complete file on tax forms submitted by SMRAS.

The President said that he thought Stan Wecker's roster of programs for the year is great.

Stan Wecker reported that the number signed up for Block Island is smaller than usual.

Drew Panko reported that Doug Maynard will be here to lead the September 15th trip to Jamaica Bay.

Drew will attend the Audubon Wildlife Advisory Committee meeting in Albany on September 15. He will write an article for the Bulletin about the meeting. SMRAS will pay his expenses.

Midge Arnold will write an article for the Bulletin about the Hog Island Ornithological Week which she attended.

Sophie Keyes suggested having a column for the Bulletin called "Travel Near and Far", with hints where to go.

Drew Panko will have his daughter write about their Alaska trip.

Barbara is unable to handle publicity this year. She would like to talk with whomever takes the job - has a few hints. Stan Lincoln suggested asking Thelma Smith. Pam will check the member list. Alice Avouris suggested Lee Coolidge who wants to get involved in SMRAS

Pam Rubin will be working on the Booth for New Castle Community Day.

Alice Avouris reported that National's new computer must be working better now, since reports are clearer and have begun to come on time. We have 782 members as of August 31, 1984. She also reported that McTurk sent a membership check to National with a matching Exxon grant application. National was unable to handle it. McTurk is a scholarship winner of ours and is a Teatown guide.

Hoch would like the rules checked on which records non-profit groups must maintain.

Sophie suggested that the number of Bulletins per year be reconsidered. Five might be better. After some discussion it was decided that the present issue schedule ought to be maintained.

Hal Bischoff would like to arrange for Light Scholarship winners to make presentations at meetings. He will give names of three people to Stan Wecker. Sonja Hartmann, one of the scholarship winners, reports that the National Wildlife Trek was very worthwhile.

Judy Rosenthal has slides of Greenwich Audubon Camp which Stan Wecker has suggested be shown at Members' Night.

Judy has trouble getting legislative issues into the Bulletin before they are voted on. She has obtained free Acid Rain stand which will be displayed on Community Day. If Judy attends the Clearwater Workshop on September 20, SMRAS will pay the \$5. fee.

~~XXXX~~ Stan Wecker suggested that SMRAS could send Kaye or Ed Kanze to the Environmental Education Conference offered by Northeast Audubon at Sharon, Conn. Center.

The seed sale has been scheduled for October 20-21, Saturday--Sunday.

Kaye Anderson submitted her Annual Report. (attached) The deVoe right-of-way was walked legally on July 19, 1984. The Board approved the use of a broadleaf herbicide for use in the sanctuaries.

Berna Weismann will represent us at Ithica for New York Federated Bird Clubs Convention. We are allowed 5 delegates. Stan Lincoln would also be willing to go. Their expenses will be paid by SMRAS.

The October Board Meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse and the November Meeting at the Gillettes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lee Boyd
Acting Secretary