

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 6, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Hoch Reid at the home of Sophie Keyes. The following directors were present: Midge Arnold, Peter Burchmyer, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson, Harold Bischoff, Judy Rosenthal, Barbara Dretzin, David McIntire and Lisa Mekeckney were also present.

The minutes of the November Board Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1984 - November 30, 1984 - \$4,355.86. The Balance - \$24,355.86. The Endowment Fund - \$58,690.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$7,327.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,478.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$3,757.35.

It was the decision of the Board to allow Ellen Heidelberger to decide which bank to use.

Donna Nye moved that we contribute \$50. to Public Lands Institute. Seconded and carried.

Pam Rubin wrote to Bedford asking if they objected to having Millwood transferred to SMRAS but has had no response. If they do not respond in a reasonable length of time, she will proceed further on the transfer.

The National Convention will be held June 6, 1985, at Lake George. Midge Arnold will take charge of making plans for our chapter's share in the activities.

A video tape presentation of Kaye's Anderson's school program on birds was enjoyed by all.

The Board approved Kaye's plan to put together a packet to go with each of her programs. Such packet to be left with the teacher. Kaye thinks this would be preferable to using National's program.

The Board also approved Kaye's request to order some Zoo Books.

Susan Arnold has been helping to clear trails at Gedney.

Payment of \$430. to Mitchel Vander^{ow} for work at Brinton Brook was approved. Kaye will discuss snow plowing further and has authority to pay whatever figure she can get.

Membership - 782 as of 10/31/84

Stan Wecker said there has been a sharp drop-off in attendance at the general meetings. It was suggested that something different in the way of programs be tried at the February meeting to see if that would attract more people.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Pam Rubin.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary