

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 3, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Pam Rubin. The following directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Lee Boyd, Roger Garrison, Ellen Heidelberger, Ed Kanze, Sophie Keyes, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Lester Holmes, Judy Rosenthal, Barbara Dretzin and David McIntire were also present.

The minutes of the December, 1984, Board Meeting were accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1984 - December 31, 1984 - \$3,789.03. The Balance - \$23,789.03. The Endowment Fund - \$58,690.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$7,423. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,523. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$1,595.35.

Donna Nye moved that we authorize the Treasurer to pay for the purchase of the telephone at Kaye Anderson's home. Seconded and carried.

Drew Panko reported that the Christmas Bird Count was a most exciting one. Drew recorded 58 species and Berna Weismann 72. There was also a record number of participants - 37.

Pam Rubin reported on the progress of adding Millwood to SMRAS territory. We should get a membership list and send a letter to each member in Millwood saying that Millwood has been added to SMRAS. The letter to be sent after they have received our Bulletin.

Ron Dobson is organizing an Education Committee which would meet periodically at the same time as Advisory Committee Meetings. Roger Garrison, who is a member of our Education Committee, will try it out by joining Wild Life and Education.

Judy Rosenthal received a letter requesting our endorsement of a resolution protecting Playland Park.

"BE IT RESOLVED, The Westchester County Environmental Management Council, at its regular quarterly meeting held at 85 Court Street, White Plains, New York, convened at 8:00 p.m., December 10, 1984, recommends that legislative action by the Westchester County Board of Legislators be taken without delay to commit and irrevocably dedicate all of the natural area of Playland Park as a natural wildlife preserve for the preservation of the developing habitats and protection of migratory and indigenous wildlife and, to the extent consistent with such protection and preservation uses, for biological and coastal marine science, education and research, and for passive recreation; and, that appropriate action be taken immediately, consistent with protection and preservation uses, to restore the natural area (including, but not limited to removal of debris and repair of the tidal gate); and, that all public or private activities inconsistent with protection and preservation uses of the natural area be prohibited.

Sophie Keyes moved that we make the endorsement. Seconded and carried.

Judy also reported that Random Farms is coming out with a few changes and that the Garrison Dam project has been limited to a smaller area.

Judith Koch and Polly Kuhn will be on the Conservation Committee with David McIntire.

Lee Boyd said that she has a collection of tapes for the use of our members.

Roger Garrison said he is hoping that the January 18th program will attract some young people for a youth program.

There should be more people on the Education Committee.

Membership - 782

(\$225 per year)

The Treasurer has sent a check for \$75. to Mitchell Vanderow for the last three years snow plowing at Brinton Brook.

The February Board Meeting will be held at the Weckers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary