

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 7, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Stan Wecker. The following Directors were present: Peter Burckmyer, Lee Boyd, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Judy Rosenthal, Barbara Dretzin and her daughter, and David McIntire were also present.

The minutes of the January Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. On P. 2 the third line should read, "The Treasurer has sent a check for \$225. or \$75. per year for the last three years, to Mitchel Vanderver for snow plowing at Brinton Brook."

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1984 - January 31, 1985 \$5,253.65. The Balance - \$25,253.65. The Endowment Fund - \$58,790.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,806. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,566. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$1,512.35.

National has not approved the transfer of Millwood to SMRAS so the letter will not be sent to members until such time as approval comes through. Lee Boyd suggested that we send copies of the "Bulletin" now.

Roger Garrison reported that seven or eight, perhaps more, young people will be meeting with Lisa Mechaley at Teatown to discuss plans for the Youth Program.

The President asked if Lisa Mechaley would be a good one to have as a member of the Education Committee. Harold Bischoff also suggested Mark Chippin, a science teacher at Craflin School, as a member to help with the scholarship selections. Ed Kanze will call these two people to see if they would be willing to serve.

Frank Gillette has been trying for many years to get a management agreement from National to cover SMRAS's management of Brinton Brook and Graff. The document he has finally received is a lease in which National leases Graff to SMRAS for \$1.00 per year. SMRAS would agree to maintain the property, see that tax exemption is continued and carry insurance to cover damages from injuries incurred on the premises.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Frank and Hoch will draft a letter to National saying that National's proposal does not seem appropriate. The letter will be presented at the March Board Meeting for approval by the Board.

Donna Nye moved that SMRAS make a \$50. contribution to the Peregrine Fund. ~~Seconded~~ ~~and carried.~~ ~~Tabled~~

Doug Maynard suggested that sum^d of money be set aside in the budget for the support of various causes.

The Budget must be done this month and approved at the March Board Meeting. The members of the Budget Committee are Hoch Reid, Frank Gillette, Roger Garrison, Stan Wecker, and Ellen Heidelberger.

Kaye Anderson said she would like the Budget Committee to consider paying rent for the room in her house which is used for SMRAS business. She would also like to renew John Weissinger's "Right Before Your Eyes". The cost is \$25. for 26 weeks. The Board approved.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Harold Bischoff.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary

Minutes of ad hoc meeting of members of the Board of Directors of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society in the Editorial Conference Room of the Reader's Digest Assn. February 13, 1985 at 8 p.m. attended by Pamela Rubin, Morgan Pryne, Roger Garrison, Kaye Anderson, Judy Rosenthal, David McIntyre, Peter Burckmyer, and with Hoch Reid presiding.

General ideas to enhance programs:

Joint meeting with neighboring Audubon group to sponsor BIG program
More emphasis on live things
More variety to programs -- return to pancake supper
Keep guestbook/ followup with non-members/ introduce new members
Review publicity needs at beginning of year/ get info. to chmn.
More emphasis on scholarship recipients
More opportunity to socialize
Make more use of Cooperative Extension facilities
Consider panel discussion/ multiple speakers/ workshop format
Consider alternative meeting site
Seek greater participation on part of Program Committee members
 Have formal Committee meeting
 Perhaps charge each member with responsibility for particular meeting
 Recognize who thought of program idea if not Chmn. himself
Develop questionnaire to involve participating membership in process
 Favorite program from past
 Best ingredients/ format
 Most desirable night of the week
 Specific ideas for particular programs

Specific ideas for programs:

Pete Seeger
Hudson Riverkeeper - Jim Cronin
Charles Pt. Recovery Plant
Breeding Bird Atlas project - Berna
Westchester 2000 Report - FCWC
Cornell Peregrine operation - Tom Cade

Projects to give organization more sense of purpose:

Nest boxes
Catalog flora/fauna of sanctuaries
Organize more trips to sanctuaries so membership better acquainted

P.B.