

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 7, 1985

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

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. The motion to contribute \$50. to the Peregrine Fund was tabled not carried. Stan Lincoln is a member of the Budget Committee, not Stan Wecker.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1984 - February 28, 1985, \$5,395.37. The Balance - \$25,395.37. The Endowment Fund - \$58,790.90. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,894. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,610. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$1,522.35.

Membership - 828. Alice Avouris reported that National encourages Chapters to have a membership drive every year. They have suggested reducing the cost of membership to new members to \$20. Peter Burckmyer and Lee Boyd will help Alice with the drive this year.

~~Kaye Anderson~~, Pam Rubin and David McIntire plan to attend Albany Day. Judy Rosenthal will also try to be there.

Kaye said our Chapter could help with the work on identifying the location of blue-bird houses which the State would like to do.

Saw Mill is to be host for the Council Meeting at Westmoreland on March 30, 1985.

Roger Garrison moved that Kaye be authorized to purchase two coffee urns for use at general meetings. Seconded and carried.

The Board approved Judy's writing a letter to the County Parks Commissioner concerning the discharge of raw sewage into the Hudson.

Hoch Reid said he had had a report from Richard Martyr that the Bastys' development, Amberlands, has "gone wild" in exceeding its limits. Kaye said it's too late to do anything, but she will check the fence which they have agreed to maintain and will also talk to Mr. Martyr about Amberlands' Dodson and Boyle.

The Budget Committee has discussed contributions from Saw Mill and suggests the following paragraph be adopted as policy:

SMRAS does not ordinarily give financial support to the numerous excellent environmentally active agencies that draw their principal support from the general public, including the membership of Saw Mill. Our support is reserved for those agencies that specifically represent or serve the interests of Saw Mill and derive much or all of their support from organizations like Saw Mill. Exceptions may be authorized by the Board, usually for reasons of past attachment or strong local interest.

Frank Gillette moved that the above paragraph be accepted as policy of SMRAS. Seconded and carried.

Donna Nye moved that Saw Mill make a contribution of \$75. to the Peregrine Fund, authorization for a single year. Seconded. Vote - 7 for; 7 against.

Hoch Reid said he would vote for a contribution of \$50. The motion was so amended.

Carried - 8 for; 7 against.

Roger Garrison reported that the Youth Group is meeting April 6 at Teatown. Teatown will be a helpful resource and has insurance. The project will be co-sponsored by Teatown and SMRAS. There are 20 young people who have shown an interest and they will make the plans for activities. Roger would like the Board to authorize joint sponsorship with Teatown, such sponsorship to be discussed further with Teatown.

The Board approves the joint sponsorship with Teatown and authorizes Roger Garrison to discuss and negotiate further with Teatown.

The Budget Committee has decided once and for all not to pay rent for the room in Kaye Anderson's house.

The Budget for 1985-86 was presented. Copy attached.

Frank Gillette moved that the budget as presented on this page be accepted, and that the President be authorized to appoint a committee to consider a pension for the Naturalist. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln will be Chairman of the Pension Committee. Lee Boyd, ~~Phil Heidelberger~~ and Frank Gillette will be members of the Committee. Dick Weiland will be asked to ~~serve and maybe~~ ~~Daug Maynard~~.

Peter Burckmyer moved that we authorize Frank Gillette to send the letter/^{to National} which he and Hoch Reid have drafted concerning the management of Brinton Brook and Graff Sanctuaries. Seconded and carried.

David McIntire said Charlie Smith of Cornell would like to give a program for Saw Mill on "Declining Song Bird Habitat and Tropical Deforestation".

The book on attendance at the general meetings was turned over to Hoch Reid.

The Audubon Conference will be held June 16-21, 1985, at Silver Bay, Lake George.

The Nominating Committee Report submitted by Phyllis Jacoby is as follows:

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President	Hoch Reid
Vice-President	Roger Garrison
Chairman of the Board	Pamela Rubin
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Wiltse
Corresponding Secretary	Lee Boyd
Treasurer	Ellen Heidelberger
Historian	Harold Bischoff

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Peter Burckmyer	Stanley Lincoln
Frank Gillette	Stanley Wecker
Ellen Heidelberger	Elizabeth Wiltse

The April Board Meeting will be held at the Home of Peter Burckmyer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse, Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY

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Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis R. Jacoby

Phyllis R. Jacoby, Chairman
Barbara Appel
Shirley F. Boden

February 14, 1985