

SMRAS Board Meeting  
October 3, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at 8:30 p.m. at his home. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Doug Maynard, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Harold Bischoff was also present.

The minutes of the September 12, 1985, Board Meeting were read. They were accepted as corrected. The report on our income was by Ellen Heidelberger, not Frank Gillette. On page 2, the fifth paragraph should read "Pam Rubin will attend Westchester 2000."

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1985--September 30, 1985 - \$4,005.01. The Balance - \$15,994.99. The Endowment Fund - \$64,707.99. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,850.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,570.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$763.35.

Hoch Reid reported that the committee on investments had inquired about investments at Merrill Lynch and various banks, but had not looked into the bond market. Frank Gillette recommended that the money from the CD now coming due be put in a money market fund until we get more information. Doug Maynard was invited to attend the next meeting of the investment committee.

The Nominating Committee will be Thelma Smith, Chairman; Ken Smith and Phil Heidelberger.

Hoch reported that he and Mona will be moving out of the area in March and he will be unable to act as Chairman of the Board and must resign as a Director.

The Down State Council Meeting will be held on October 19, 1985, and we should have some representation.

Coleen McGrath was suggested as a possible chairman for the Christmas Tea.

Ron Dodson would like us to participate in the Third International Program to be held March 23, 1986.

Frank Gillette reported that the committee on a pension for Kaye Anderson had decided that although we have no obligation to provide a pension, we would like to do something in the way of a pension at half-salary level. We would pay ~~\$355~~ a month, which added to the amount of Social Security she would receive will be half-salary. There would also be health benefits until she reaches the age of 65 to be charged to supplementary medical. It is recommended that the monies come from current income rather than from the purchase of an annuity. Future boards could make adjustments from time to time. The situation should be reviewed with Dr. Pruyn. The report was received with approval by the Board. ~~Lester Holmes also approved the plan.~~

Pam Rubin said SMRAS should be free to choose a naturalist to <sup>CARRY ON</sup> replace Kaye. <sup>1/2 work after she retires</sup>

Donna Nye will be a member of the committee to choose a naturalist. Donna recommended that the committee set up rules of employment for the new naturalist.

Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette and Hoch Reid will talk with Dr. Pruyn.

Alice Avouris reported that membership is 793.

Harold Bischoff said we should be able to do something about local problems in management of the environment.

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Hoch Reid asked Harold Bischoff to follow up on checking the plans of North Castle and New Castle for further development. Frank Gillette suggested that we integrate our activities with those of FWC.

Drew Panko reported that there was a new member on the Jamaica field trip. His name is Herten, he is from Texas and an active birder. We should think about him for active participation.

Pam Rubin moved that we be a co-sponsor on a series of three meetings on ground water management sponsored by the Regional Review League. The meetings are to be held on November 7, 14, and 21 at the Sisqua School. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be at the home of Betty Wiltse.

Doug Maynard moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Seconded and carried.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary