

SMRAS Board Meeting  
December 5, 1985

The meeting was called to order by Hoch Reid at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Sophie Keyes. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Peter Burckmyer, Lee Boyd, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Doug Maynard, Drew Parko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson, Harold Bischoff and Judy Rosenthal were also present.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. On Page 2 the first sentence should be changed to read, "Kaye Anderson said that a new bulletin board is needed for Brinton Brook."

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1985 - November 30, 1985, \$1,443.08. The Balance - \$21,443.08. The Endowment Fund - \$64,807.99. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,174.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,648. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$772.35.

The Treasurer said that the bird seed sale had a profit of \$5,552. so far and the Benefit profit was \$1,594.00.

Donna Nye gave a report on the plans of the Education Committee. (attached)

Donna Nye moved that the price of the Bulletin to non-members be increased to \$5.00 per year. Seconded and carried.

The By-Laws will be checked to see what the status of members in Sawmill only is.

Midge Arnold brought up the Monday Walkers situation now that Kaye will lead them only one Monday a month. A number of these people have become active in environmental programs as a result of Kaye's leadership. The Education Committee feels that the Monday walks serve a very small percentage of members. Frank Gillette pointed out that it is not a small percentage of really active members. It was decided that the new plans will go into effect but the Education Committee will consider suggestions and if there is a need to make changes they will do so.

Peter Burckmyer reported that the Long Range Planning Committee had met with Dr. Pruyne and presented the pension plans. Dr. Pruyne seemed satisfied. They also discussed the future of the Society and the Naturalist's roll. Dr. Pruyne indicated that he intends to continue his support of the Society. It was also suggested that we might have to have a caretaker for the property which will eventually belong to Saw Mill. He would like to contribute some thoughts as well as money and would like to help choose a naturalist to replace Kaye when she retires in a few years.

It was decided that the Treasurer should send a bill every year to Dr. Pruyne for his contribution.

Judy Rosenthal reported that she had sent publicity to various newspapers.

Harold Bischoff reported that he had written a letter to the State Environmental Agency with suggestions for their program and had received a letter from them thanking him for his interest and constructive criticism.

Membership is now 782.

Frank Gillette moved that the financial motion passed at the November Board Meeting be rescinded and the Treasurer be instructed to place freezable funds in three year CD's bearing interest of 9.1%. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker moved that Carol Coggshall be nominated as an outstanding woman in Westchester County in a contest to be sponsored by the County Government. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Pam Rubin.

There being no further business, Drew Parko moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary