

SMRAS Board Meeting  
January 2, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Hoch Reid at the home of Pam Rubin. The following Directors were present: Peter Burckmyer, Roger Garrison, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Harold Bischoff and Ken Smith were also present.

The minutes of the December 5, 1985 Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. In the 9th paragraph a change should be made - "Dr. Pruynne indicated that he intends to continue funding a Naturalist", rather than "Dr. Pruynne indicated that he intends to continue his support of the Society.

The Treasurer's Report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1985--December 31, 1985 \$1,362.13. The Balance - \$21,362.13. The Endowment Fund - \$64,807.99. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,252. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,686. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$776.35.

Donna Nye announced that the Education Committee has formulated plans to charter the Clearwater in the Spring. Tentative dates are May 11, 18 and 31, June 1 or 8. If it is not available on any of these dates we will try again in the Fall. The cost would be \$500 for three hours. The sloop can accommodate 50 people and would sail from Ossining. There is also another ship, the Voyager, which accommodates 44 people. A charge of \$15. per person was suggested. The Board gave its approval for Donna to go ahead with the plans.

Kaye has taken inventory of books she has belonging to Saw Mill. There are approximately 270.

Donna also said maintenance of sanctuaries should not be the responsibility of Kaye and the Education Committee and suggested that the sanctuary committees be reactivated to be responsible for maintenance. Some board walks are dangerous.

Kaye is compiling a list of schools, etc. where scholarships can be announced and applications can be obtained. We should have a file on places for camps where scholarships can be used. An announcement should be published in the Bulletin as to who is the keeper of the file.

Bob Muller, National's Education Committee Chairman, will be coming January 25 to the Macy Conference Center in the morning, 9:30 to 12:00.

Drew Panko announced that at the Christmas Bird Count there were 51 species in his group and three saw-whet owls were seen at Brinton Brook.

Roger Garrison said the Youth Group had such a wonderful time on their trip to a place near Salisbury, Connecticut, that they plan to go back in February.

Hal Bischoff will have a column on Conservation in the Bulletin.

Hoch Reid expressed his thanks to Sophie Keyes and Pam Rubin for taking over the Christmas Tea when Coleen McGrath was unable to be there.

We now have 790 members.

The next meeting will be at the home of Stan Wecker.

There being no further business, Drew Panko moved that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary