

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 6, 1986

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: Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Hoch Reid, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson, Judy Rosenthal and Thelma Smith were also present.

The minutes of the January Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. The number of books Kaye Anderson has is 370, not 270.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1985 - January 31, 1986 - \$1,632.47. The Balance - \$21,632.47. The Endowment Fund - \$64,807.99. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,273. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,701. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$783.35.

The President read a letter of resignation from Lee Boyd. Lee will stay on as Corresponding Secretary until we find a replacement.

Thelma Smith, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of officers for the coming year.

President	Peter Burckmyer
Vice-President	Donna Nye
Chairman of the Board	Pamela Rubin
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Wiltse
Treasurer	Ellen Heidelberger

Directors: Term expires 1989	Douglas Maynard	Drew Panko
	David McIntire	Pamela Rubin
	Donna Nye	

Term expires 1987 Richard Blair

The office of Corresponding Secretary with the accompanying Directorship is yet to be filled.

Alice Avouris will ask Lee Coolige to help with the mailing lists.

Drew Panko moved that SMRAS give \$50. to the Public Lands Institute. Seconded and carried.

Donna Nye reported that Clearwater cannot take us this Spring. She will try to make arrangements for the Fall.

The Education Committee meeting at Macy to find out what National can do for us was interesting. We are on our own.

The mailing on scholarships has gone out with a very small response so far.

Alice Avouris reported a membership of 791.

Kaye Anderson suggested that we apply for a grant to repair the board walk at Gedney so as to get enough money to do it right. Noncross and Witacore, also the Wallace Fund are possibilities. IBM is another organization that gives grants.

Signs should be put up at Gedney warning of dangerous walks.

Kaye's book will be out in March. "Walks and Rambles in Westchester and Fairfield".

Frank Gillette said he would like a clarification of the duties and functions of the Naturalist. The Education Committee sees her job as educational, but as our one paid employee, the Naturalist should have the responsibility of overseeing the Sanctuaries.

Stan Wecker moved that SMRAS give \$100. to the fund in memory of Jean Case. Seconded and carried.

Pam Rubin said that we should be a sponsoring organization for Return a Gift to Wildlife to be held at the Bazaar Mall the end of February. Hoch recommended that Pam explore material to see what can be done.

Peter Burckmyer said the Sanctuary Committee will be getting opinions on what work should be done at the sanctuaries.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Alice Avouris.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary