

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 6, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Roger Garrison at 8:20 p.m. at the home of Alice Avouris. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Drew Panko, Donna Nye, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Harold Bischoff was also present.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were read. Barbara Spengler moved that they be accepted as corrected. In the second paragraph from the bottom "and Wildcare" should be deleted. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1985 - February 28, 1986 \$1,346.97. The Balance - \$21,346.97. Endowment Fund - \$64,807.99. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,287.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,712.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$788.35.

Harold Bischoff reported on a meeting held in White Plains on the subject of "Open Spaces for the Year 2000". Bedford has great plans for further town development and Yonkton has established a public land trust grant.

Drew Panko said that a meeting will be held on March 10 to plan for next year's field trips. Very few people attended the Salisbury trip and there were no snowy owls.

Pam Rubin reported that we did co-sponsor DEC with Bedford Audubon.

Stan Wecker plans to have a Program Committee meeting sometime in April and welcomes suggestions.

Ken Smith's idea to have young people such as Eagle Scouts have a project to help with work at the sanctuaries has not worked well in the past, but could be a good thing if handled right. It could involve brush clearing, trail marking, etc. Girl Scouts might help too. Various people will be glad to oversee improvements in sanctuaries. Board walks need rebuilding in Gedney. Kaye Anderson will get a total estimate of the cost for rebuilding. Perhaps a grant can be obtained from IBM to cover the cost.

Alice Avouris reported that membership is now 80%.

Donna Nye reported that a meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee will be held; that scholarship applications are coming in very slowly. Kaye Anderson will work on a brochure on sanctuaries to try to get them mapped properly.

Thelma Smith, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, sent a report that Coleen McGnath will be the Corresponding Secretary and also a Director on the slate of new officers and directors.

Stan Wecker moved that Coleen McGnath be asked to fill the vacancy on the Board. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette, Chairman of the Budget Committee, moved that the Budget as formulated on the right hand side of the work sheet be accepted. Seconded and carried. (copy att.)

Stan Wecker moved that we accept the property offered by the estate of Mrs. Marshall with the various provisos that we usually make. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln moved that Stan Wecker and Frank Gillette be a committee to report to the Society the ongoing negotiations and agreements with the estate. Seconded and carried.

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

There being no further business, Barbara Spengler moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary