

SMRAS Board Meeting
May 1, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Pam Rubin at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Frank Gillette. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, Betty Wiltse and David McIntire. Kaye Anderson was also present.

The minutes of the April Board Meeting were read and approved as corrected. In the next to the last paragraph on Page 1 - The County Court may interpret, not The County Court interprets.

The Treasurer's Report - Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1986 - April 30, 1986 \$1,971.89. The Balance - \$18,028.11. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,576.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,878.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$133.35.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were accepted as read.

Pam Rubin welcomed the new Board Members, Richard Blair and David McIntire.

If the new board members would like to attend the Northeast Regional Conference at Green Mountain College in Vermont, June 27-29, we can make plans.

Membership as of March 31, 1986 -- 842.

Stan Wecker announced that the Education Committee had met and reviewed 8 scholarship applications - some applications out of the area. They have awarded four scholarships, but one can't be used. They also have agreed to give two grants of \$1,000 each to cover living expenses of students doing research work. They considered ~~three~~ ^{two} handicapped students for nature type camps. Some for \$500; others \$250 each. The possibility of having another scholarship has not been closed out.

Kaye Anderson thanked the Board for her raise. She said Sophie Keyes will request a grant from IBM for work on the sanctuaries. Warning signs have been put up at Gedney notifying visitors that the board walks are dangerous. Kaye has been working on trails. Kaye's book is out and can be obtained at bookstores.

Alice Avouris moved that we allow Kaye Anderson to take a week's leave without pay. Seconded and carried.

Sophie Keyes moved that we give Steve Coleman \$25. to use on his work with the flying squirrels. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker reminded the Board that it is time to register for the Block Island Trip. He will ask Barbara Appel to be registrar.

The June Board Meeting will be held June 12 at Midge Arnold's home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary