

SMRAS Board Meeting
June 12, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burchmyer at the home of Midge Arnold at 8:08 p.m. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Peter Burchmyer, Frank Gillette, Sophie Keyes, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Barbara Spengler, Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson, Judy Rosenthal, Thelma Smith and Carol Coggeshall were also present.

The minutes were accepted as corrected. In the eighth paragraph - delete the sentences beginning "They considered three handicapped students..." and "Some for \$500..." Replace with "One of the scholarship winners is handicapped."

The Treasurer's report was read by Frank Gillette. Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1986 - May 31, 1986 - \$3,220.08. The Balance - \$16,779.92. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,584.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$6,889.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$22.35.

Membership as of May 2, 1986 - 833.

Donna Nye reported that the Field Day was rained out and that only three people had expressed an interest. Next year we should start earlier in the year to promote Field Day. Clearwater has not given us a definite date for use of the ship. It was decided that October 15th is the latest acceptable date. We will need 30 people to sign up if we are to break even. The ship holds about 50.

Sophie Keyes reported that the application for a grant from IBM is proceeding satisfactorily and looks hopeful. She also suggested that the news letter include a brief description of field trips, and that we have a form printed for field trip leaders to fill out.

Drew Panko reported that Big Day had a full migration with three groups - 163, 143 and 122 different species.

Donna Nye reported that Kaye Anderson has been working on the draft for self-guided nature trails at Gedney. ^{Kaye} Sophie will find out the cost of having these printed.

Kaye Anderson said there should be a booklet for all sanctuaries and that she has found a young college student who is interested in mapping. He would be satisfied with being reimbursed for his transportation costs. Frank Gillette suggested we start with Gedney.

Drew Panko moved that Donna Nye be authorized to reimburse the college student for expenses up to \$200. Seconded and carried.

Kaye Anderson reported that the school year is soon ending. Some teachers are so concerned about deer ticks that they don't want the students to go out for nature walks and talks. She found a chickadee that she had banded in the past. Hal Bischoff has made two new registry boxes. People in the neighborhood of Pinecliff Sanctuary are planning to clean up the dumping and plant shrubs to make it more attractive.

A mention was made that Hal Bischoff was left off the Nominating Committee's list of officers as Historian and that he should be told it was unintentional and he is the Historian.

Community Day will be September 13, 1986. Coleen McGrath has volunteered to take care of the booth. It was suggested that we advertise at Community Days rather than at the Clearwater Festival.

The Long Range Plan Draft is attached hereto. The Board expressed its approval.

In order to utilize the fourth scholarship, the award was given to a woman from Irvington.

After considerable discussion it was decided that Peter Burckmyer should talk with Roger Garrison about the youth group, known as the Adventure Club at Ossining H.S. We favor a group whose interests are more closely allied with ours. The last trip, held at Teatown, was more of a nature study - the kind of outing we approve of. The porcupine had his home moved. We do not wish to sponsor trips away from the area, such as the trip to Massachusetts. It is our opinion that now Lisa has left Teatown, another woman should be asked to take her place as an adviser. Alice Avouris said that we should support youth groups and should get together with the students to discuss aims.

The Chappaqua Garden Club has sent the money for the scholarship they sponsor.

In regard to the Marshall property, the tax issues have to be cleared up. There is a question as to whether the State and Federal Taxing bodies will agree.

Alice Avouris moved that Kaye Anderson be reimbursed for her expenses involving the Block Island trip. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette and Kaye Anderson both have old files for SMRAS.

Peter Burckmyer will welcome suggestions for a Hospitality Chairman, a Publicity Chairman and a Conservation Chairman.

We would like David McIntire to be Chairman of the Sanctuaries Committee.

Carol Coggeshall said Kaye Anderson is to be congratulated on her new book and the write-up in the "New York Times".

Kaye said she would prefer not to have the Chappaqua Book Store use our mailing list.

The Summer Committee will be Peter Burckmyer, Ellen Heidelberger, Betty Wiltse, David McIntire and Pam Rubin.

Peter Burckmyer thanked Midge Arnold for being our hostess and also all those who brought desserts.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Ellen Heidelberger on September 11th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary