

SMRAS Board Meeting
September 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at the home of Ellen Heidelberger at 7:30 p.m. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Peter Burckmyer, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Wecker, Betty Wiltse and David McIntire. Kaye Anderson and Harold Bischoff were also present.

The minutes of the June Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. In the 8th paragraph "Kaye" should be substituted for "Sophie". Also an addition should be made to the 2nd paragraph on Page 2. "It was the feeling of the Board that we would continue to support Roger's group until such time as we wanted to support some other group and intend to work with Roger and Tea Town people in the direction of the group."

Treasurer's report: Excess Expense over Revenue April 1--August 31, 1986 - \$938.34. The Balance - \$19,061.66. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$10,819.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,023.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$370.10.

The Auditing Committee has examined the books and found them to be in good order.

Membership as of July 31, 1986, is 821.

Alice Avouris reported that National is changing its procedure next year on the amount the chapters will receive for members, which will result in our receiving about \$1,800. less than we now do. Peter will study what National has written and maybe write to them. Alice suggested that since we have a benefit meeting coming up we might make an appeal for larger contributions. Peter will write something explaining where our money comes from and where it goes and what people can do if they want to contribute to SMRAS rather than National.

Frank Gillette reported that we have a new supplier for bird seed with lower prices than in the past. The sale will be held on October 25 and 26.

David McIntire moved that instead of using a price differential on the seed to non-members, we include membership brochures with the flyers on the seed sale. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette suggested that we start thinking about the seed sale the first of August next year.

Pam Rubin and Midge Arnold will get out the Bulletin in the event that Sophie is unable to do so.

The 1986 N.Y. State Conservation Council has awarded Kaye Anderson the Educator of the Year Award.

Kaye reported that the student she had hoped to get to do mapping for SMRAS was too busy to do the work.

The Naturalist's Annual Report is attached hereto.

David McIntire and Kaye Anderson made a grand tour of the sanctuaries and made notes of some of the problems which may develop in the future. The board walk at Chernik is a disaster. IBM gave us \$2,000. to use on sanctuary improvements rather than the \$5,000 we asked for. The feeling is that we should go ahead and do the job right and go as far as we can with the \$2,000. Alternative construction methods were discussed. An Eagle Scout is planning to do the board walk on the wettest part of Pinecliff if we are willing to pay for the material, about \$300 to \$500. The Scout

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would have the plans approved by Bill Rudy. Graff also needs trail work.

David McIntire moved that we pay up to \$500. for the Pinecliff Board Walk. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette suggested that we try to generate work parties as we have in the past.

There is nothing new to report on the Marshall property.

Stan Wecker suggested we get a list of members who live near sanctuaries to see if they will help with maintenance. Alice will make up the list. He also suggested that Roger's group help with some of the work.

Doug Maynard has asked to resign from the Board. We will need a replacement.

Hal Bischoff asked that members write to their congressmen supporting Bill HR 4567.

Stan Wecker said that instead of having members participation night, the idea of having teams from schools take part in a quizz show has been suggested.

Because of the matter of Roger's Youth Group Stan Wecker moved that the Education Committee be charged to come up with a recommendation as to whether or not to continue the affiliation not later than the November Board Meeting. Seconded and carried.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary