

SMRAS Board Meeting  
November 6, 1986

meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Pam Rubin. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Peter Burckmyer, Roger Garrison, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Coleen McGrath, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Harold Bischoff was also present.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1986 - October 31, 1986 - \$11,669.32. The Balance - \$31,669.32. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,052.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,133.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$303.10.

There will be a meeting at Tea Town to discuss the Youth Group on December 6th.

Frank Gillette reported that the trailers for the seed sale were badly loaded and there wasn't a truck to use for transporting the left over seeds to the Hartmann's. More helpers are needed.

Drew Panko reported on the letter from Ron Dodson requesting chapters to write to Governor Cuomo. The Board decided to put off until next month how we are going to respond.

Donna Nye said that the Education Committee will have a complete report in January.

Membership - 836 as of September 30, 1986.

The Membership Committee needs more members.

Peter Burckmyer suggested attaching a questionnaire to the welcoming letter to new members to find out what they would be interested in doing. Frank Gillette suggested we make it a follow-up letter after about three months.

Alice Avouris will report on the amount received on memberships next month.

The letter from George Case will be taken care of by our legal eagles.

It is now time to appoint a Nominating Committee. The suggestion was made to ask Thelma Smith to be Chairman again, assisted by Ken Smith and either Rita Wecker or Phil Heidelberger.

Stan Wecker said Chris Letts will be Chairman for the School Quizz Program. It is the plan to have 5 or 6 middle schools represented by students interested in natural history. ~~Peter Burckmyer asked for suggestions.~~ There would be a team of two students from each school. First prize would be \$250. to the school and each school would receive a certificate.

Peter Burckmyer asked for suggestions for a Chairman for the Christmas Tea. Dot Rath was the only possible.

Drew Panko said he thought he should resign as Field Trip Chairman. The Board was not in favor but will think about it and will try to get someone to help Drew.

The next meeting will be at the home of Sophie Keyes.

here being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary