

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 4, 1986

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

The minutes of the November Board Meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer's Report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1986 - November 30, 1986 - \$747.58. The Balance - \$20,747.58. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,328.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,136. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$304.10.

The Treasurer mentioned that Dr. Pryun has not sent the check although he has been reminded.

The President announced that Coleen McGrath and Ruth Bucher will be co-chairmen for the Christmas Tea.

Profit from the Bird Seed Sale is \$5,403. to date. The Benefit profit is \$872. The suggestion was made that next year we should use tickets. People seemed confused about "no Tickets".

The Nominating Committee will be Thelma Smith, Chairman, Rita Wecker and Ken Smith.

Membership as of October 31, 1986 - 821.

Sophie Keyes reported that OBS is closing shop. They are willing to sell the addressograph. The Board decided we do not want to buy it. Foleys has been considered as a replacement for OBS. No decision was made. There were a number of questions to be resolved such as - will we own the disk and what kind of computer do they have before any decision can be made. Sophie will inquire and report further.

Donna Nye said the meeting will be held at Teatown as reported. The Education Committee met with the campers and grants and asked them to send a paragraph to Sophie about their experiences and the benefits. There should be a meeting with them each year.

Kaye Anderson reported that Bill Rudy has ripped up the old board walk at Gedney and has started building the new one. She also mentioned a new project called "Save Turkey Mountain".

Drew Panko said something should be put in the Bulletin about the "Return a Gift to Wildlife". Many people do not understand it.

He also reported that the trip to Mantauk was rather dull until they found a razorbill. It was an addition to many bird lists.

Drew Panko moved that a sum not to exceed \$100 be spent for new check lists. If it is possible we will get modern lists, if not, we will use the old ones. Seconded and carried.

David McIntire said that Chris Letts would like to have a contract or a letter telling him what he will be doing at the Quiz Program. The Eagle Scout who is to work on the board walk at Pinecliff has some problems. So far no money has been paid out.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Richard Blair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary