

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Richard Blair. The following Directors were present: Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Sophie Keyes, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Thelma Smith and Ken Smith were also present.

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

The Treasurer's report was read by Frank Gillette. Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1986 - December 31, 1986 - \$3,137.23. The Balance - \$23,137.23. Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,575. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,245. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$305.10

The President announced that an anonymous gift for \$1,000 has been received. It will be matched by a gift of \$2,000. in SBM's matching grants program. The work at Gedney is progressing and can now be completed with the extra money.

The check has been received from Dr. Pryun.

A Budget Committee meeting will be held sometime in January.

Membership - 834

Sophie Keyes said that she has made arrangements with Foley to print the Bulletin. We will be able to use Foley's postage permit so that it will not be necessary to renew the permit at Pleasantville.

Donna Nye has filed a request for the Clearwater Sloop for the Spring of 87. If that is not successful she will try again at a later date.

Ted Baldwin from Teatown will do the mapping of Gedney.

The scholarship mailing has gone out and there will be an article about it in the Bulletin.

There are two new members on the Education Committee - Monica Doherty and Balbina Usehoff.

At the December 6th meeting with the Youth Group, the Group decided to plan how SMRAS can help them. They would like to become better acquainted and have some of us accompany them on trips. They don't want the group to become too large but will invite others occasionally. Each member of the Group should receive a copy of the Bulletin. Two of the members helped at the Christmas Tea. At present the Group is not covered by Ossining High School insurance. Roger Garrison must submit a list of planned activities to the School.

Stan Wecker said the schools to participate in the Quizz Program are: Chappaqua, Briarcliff, Croton-Harmon, Thornwood, Ossining and maybe Pleasantville. Readers Digest Books will be given as prizes and each participant will receive a certificate encribed with his name showing that he took part in the program.

Drew Panko announced that he will get the old check lists for \$45. per 1,000. He also said there were at least 50 species for the Christmas Count List.

We will have to let the membership know our financial situation, that we are getting only \$5.50 from each membership renewed. We need more money to cover the loss.

Since Carol Coggeshall left the Board we do not have anyone to take part in environmental issues in our area. We should have an Environmental Action Committee. Harold Bischoff would still be Conservation Chairman.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at Alice Avouris home on February 5, 1987.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary