

SMRAS Board Meeting
April 2, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Peter Burckmyer at his home. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Coleen McGrath, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson and Harold Bischoff were also present.

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

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1986-March 31, 1987 \$2,069.95. The Balance - \$22,069.95. The Endowment Fund - \$67,281.18. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,821.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$5,358.00. Naturalist Medical Benefits Fund - \$32.10.

Frank Gillette moved that \$1,078.85 be transferred from the general to the Endowment Fund. Seconded and carried.

SMRAS has received an unsolicited gift of \$100 from Harry Glazier.

It was suggested that we ^{not} make any disbursements from the Light Memorial Scholarship Fund which would bring it below \$10,000 and that we continue to make disbursements to deserving scholarship applicants.

Donna Nye said that the boat for the Clearwater trip is about half full.

Three applications for scholarships to Audubon Camps have been received.

The Youth Group is looking for dates for activities.

Sophie Keyes said that the Youth Group is not an official group of the Ossining High School. It has not petitioned the Board. Roger Garrison is going to petition the Board and the Board will look over the activities and decide if drivers are liable. We should have a copy of whatever document passes between the School and the Group. Mr. Derino of Ossining H.S. will get back to us. The Group has worked on the fern trail at Teatown.

Stan Lincoln moved that SMRAS approve the amendments to the By-Laws of the New York State Federation of Bird Clubs. Seconded and approved.

Kaye Anderson reported that a developer plans to build 325 units in an area adjacent to Brinton Brook. The area is now zoned for 1 house per acre. A protest petition is being circulated and a request has been made to have one of our officers sign. Judy Rosenthal will be asked to represent us.

Drew Panko reported that the Field Trip Committee met. There is a Pocono Environmental Group for those interested in that kind of activity. Also trips to various places can be arranged through tour groups.

Peter Burckmyer reported that he and Pam Rubin had lunch with Dr. Pryun to share with him what has been going on. He is not averse to our using a part of his house for storage but does not want the new Naturalist to use a room. He is aware of our financial situation.

We should think about ways of raising more money. We might sell T-shirts or some other item at our seed sale. We could also ask people to contribute \$10. to SMRAS rather than National.

Peter thanked Coleen McGrath for serving as Corresponding Secretary during the past year and Barbara Spengler for serving as hospitality chairman at the regular meetings.

The May Board Meeting will be held at the home of Frank Gillette.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary