

SMRAS Board Meeting
September 10, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Betty Wiltse. The following Directors were present: Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, David McIntire, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson was also present.

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

The Treasurer's report was read by Frank Gillette in the absence of Ellen Heidelberger. Excess Expense over Revenue April 1 - August 31, 1987 - \$2,114.18. The Balance - \$18,876.92. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,442. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,460.

Peter Burckmyer said he had not contacted Dr. Devoe and asked that Kaye Anderson do so.

Membership as of July 31, 1987 - 814. It was suggested that the amounts to be received from National for renewal memberships and new memberships be listed in the Bulletin to give members some idea of the effect on our financial status.

Frank Gillette said that a membership folder was included in the seed sale notices. We should try to get volunteers for the seed sale at the September 18th meeting.

Stan Wecker will check on the Pleasantville Methodist Church for the pancake supper.

It was decided to send tickets with the Benefit notices this year. We should also include a list of employers who match contributions.

A fast focus on Tea Town should be done at either the Benefit or Christmas Tea.

People should be asked for contributions for hospitality at each meeting.

David McIntire reported that he had visited Sedney and Pinecliff and had pictures of the new board walks. He also volunteered to look into the legal problems of the sanctuaries.

Kaye Anderson reported that a major development is being built near Brinton Brook with about 300 units. She wrote a letter to the Village Board asking that they keep us informed.

Bill Rudy was busy during the summer but is ready to start on another section of the board walk.

Should we sell sweat shirts, t-shirts, etc. at the seed sale? No decision.

Kaye Anderson presented her Annual Report which is attached hereto.

It will be necessary for SMRAS to rent a storage place for the material now stored at Kaye's home and look into a telephone answering service.

There has been only one inquiry about the Family Day at Brinton. If there is not a sufficient number of people interested, it will be called off.

Sophie Keyes said she would like more conservation material for the Bulletin. She said we should let our County Legislators know of our interest in the Jay property.

Frank Gillette said we should hold the Bulletin to four pages. We need to economize and people don't read a lot of material.

Pam Rubin will attend the Environmental Planning Lobby Conference at Albany.

New Castle Community Day is in order.

Stan Lincoln will be our delegate to the New York State Bird Clubs Conference.

Peter Burckmyer reported that National has made a big attempt to cut back on expenditures. It appears that they may be backing away from the dues sharing plans and Chapters are to have some voice in what's going on.

Stan Wecker moved that a committee of 3 members shall be appointed and empowered to represent SMRAS in the matter of nominating a member of the Board of National Audubon from the Northeast Region, with power to cast our vote if the time frame requires it, or to advise the President of SMRAS if there is time to wait for his return. Seconded and carried. The three members are Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Barbara Spengler.

The next Board Meeting will be held on October 8th at the home of Alice Avouris.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary