

SMRAS Board Meeting
October 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Avouris. The following Directors were present: Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Ellen Heidelberger, David McIntire, Sophie Keyes, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

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

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1987-September 30, 1987 - \$2,042.74. The Balance - \$18,948.36. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,688. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,553.

Membership as of August 31, 1987, 819.

Family Day was called off because of rain and few people interested.

Next year we should inquire in advance about bird feeders sold by National which we could sell at our Seed Sale.

Pam Rubin reported that SMRAS vote for a member from the Northeast Region on the National Audubon Board was for the winner, a Mr. Cadbury from Maine. He was the best qualified in the committee's opinion.

Pam attended the Environmental Planning Lobby Conference September 18-19, 1987. She thought the new DEC Commissioner gave a very depressing speech on the subject.

The "Bulletin" could have an item on recycling. ^{Sophie Keyes} Sophie Keyes will contact Kurt Asherman, the recycling coordinator for Westchester County, for material to use in an article.

Nina McCall is a possible new board member to be Conservation Chairman.

Donna Nye is working on the long range objectives of a working naturalist and the position announcement for that position. She needs a projection on expenses we will incur before talking to Dr. Pruyn. Ellen Heidelberger will make up the projection.

Space for an office at TeaTown is uncertain and our need comes before such space will be available. We should inquire about storage space at Dr. Pruyn's home and also look into space available at some member's home where he might be glad to rent a room for that purpose. An item to that effect could be put in the "Bulletin".

Our membership in Federated Conservationist will be renewed.

David McIntire said he had received a call from a woman who said that foxes were being shot at Amberlands. Upon inquiry he found that two foxes had been shot at Brinton Brook by the police. A report in the newspaper said that the foxes were rabid.

Roger Garrison is no longer involved with the Youth Groups. The Naturalist at Tea Town, Tod and the physics teacher at Ossining H.S. plan to help them get started. They would like to help at the sanctuaries.

Drew Panko said the trip to Fire Island went well. There were ten people taking part.

Jay Moffat has asked for cooperation on the current campaign to save the Jay property. He would like tables of our membership for mailing and also would like to do a fast focus on the project at one of our meetings. He is working to get towns to pass legislation. Pam Rubin suggested that we cooperate in these efforts.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Sophie Keyes.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary