

SMRAS Board Meeting
November 5, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:29 p.m. at the home of Sophie Keyes. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Richard Blair, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, David McIntire Sophie Keyes, Donna Nye, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Nina McCall was also present.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. In the 9th paragraph substitute "someone" for "Sophie Keyes". The 5th paragraph from the bottom should be deleted.

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1987 - October 31, 1987 \$11,445.35. The Balance - \$32,436.45. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,918. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,556.

Membership - 828 as of October 2, 1987. Alice Avouris reported that National has a new policy about transferring members who move and it creates a problem. There should be a notice in the "Bulletin" that people who move let Alice know. She will write to National about the problem. We have 8 new members from the seed sale.

Nina McCall was introduced to the Board. If she's interested in accepting the Conservation Chairmanship, she will also be a Director.

Donna Nye said the Education Committee will meet with the scholarship people. Peter Burckmyer expressed the wishes of the Board to have some of them come to a meeting to tell about their experiences.

Donna made a report on the proposal for a new naturalist. The proposed starting salary - \$22,000. The total cost with naturalist's pension would be \$34,675. for 1988. We will need additional revenue of \$22,000. Pam Rubin and Stan Wecker will meet with Kaye Anderson to get her input. Frank Gillette said he thought the salary range should be broader on the lower end - \$18,000 - \$24,000 range. Dr. Pryun will be contacted to find out what his plans for contributing to SMRAS are.

Peter announced that the By-Laws require that we get a Nominating Committee together. Thelma Smith has asked to be replaced as chairman.

Peter also reported that the questionnaire as to member's interests in helping did very well last year and poorly this year. 12+ replies last year and only 2 this year. There seems to be no explanation.

We also need a chairman for the Christmas Tea.

Frank Gillette pointed out that there are other sources for feeders to be sold at our seed sale than National.

The Northeast Region and Mid Atlantic Conference will be held June 16-19, 1988, at East Strausburg College.

Pam Rubin reported that we have asked for a list of subscribers to "Audubon Activist". The feeling is that National should not ask Chapters to make further contributions.

Stan Wecker said he had contacted the Pleasantville Methodist Church about having the pancake supper.

The December Board Meeting will be held at the home of Pam Rubin.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary