

SMPAS Board Meeting  
December 3, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 by Peter Burckmyer at the home of Pam Rubin. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, David McIntire, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson and Rita Wecker were also present.

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

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1987 - November 30, 1987 - \$7,023.84. The Balance - \$28,014.94. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$11,925.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,559.00.

The Benefit netted about \$1,000 with \$268. in matching grants which will not be received until the next fiscal year. The bird seed sale - \$10,700 with \$5,000 yet to be paid to the supplier.

Membership - 796 as of November 6, 1987.

Nina McCall said she will be glad to be Conservation Chairman.

Frank Gillette moved that Nina McCall become a member of the Board of Directors. Seconded and carried.

~~Lester Holmes~~ died in November  
The family of Lester Holmes wishes that anyone wishing to contribute to a memorial to him give to SMPAS. An article about Lester should be put in the "Bulletin" and a letter of condolence should be written to his wife, Catharine.

Stan Lincoln said SMPAS should have a memorial of some kind for Lester.

Peter Burckmyer said that the main focus of this meeting is the subject of Dr. Pryun and his legacy. He has heard from Dr. Pryun confirming the fact that his wife left SMPAS the property of which he has lifetime use. He does not wish to continue his contribution toward the Naturalist's salary after Kaye Anderson retires. He has provided a \$250,000 endowment to SMPAS in his will. He is expecting figures on the cost of maintaining his property. Frank Gillette has been working on it and presented his report to the Board. It appears that we will not be able to pay a full salary for a Naturalist.

Stan Lincoln said our primary concern should be to continue Kaye's activities. How can this be done with our understanding of our financial situation come next June?

Stan Wecker suggested we have a committee consisting of Frank Gillette, Carol Coggeshall, Stan Lincoln and Kaye Anderson to talk with Dr. Pryun about the problems.

Stan Lincoln said we could always go back to how we started with Kaye.

Kaye Anderson suggested we go back to a part time Naturalist. We could also charge schools more and let the new Naturalist keep a part of the fee.

Stan Wecker suggested that we have a fund raising drive.

It was agreed that we do not want to discontinue our Naturalist Program and that our Naturalist be kept independent. A committee with Stan Lincoln as chairman will be formed to make plans on what to do.

Stan Wecker said we already have a committee - the Education Committee - and could add a financial person.

The questions remain. How should we proceed on financing? Should we expand the Education Committee or add a committee to think in terms of a reduced program?

David McIntire reported that he has written a letter to Nestle regarding the Crystal Springs property near Gedney to see if they would be interested in donating the property to combine with Gedney.

Drew Panko said a big weekend trip at Greenwich Point is coming up. Also the Christmas Count.

Drew Panko moved that we support people in their traditional areas in the Christmas Count up to 15 people or \$80. as a maximum. Seconded and carried.

Kaye Anderson read a report from a newspaper - Thurber is finally being given away. She also reported that the Devoe Right-of-way was walked in September.

Drew Panko will try to get reports of field trips written for the Bulletin

Sophie Keyes would like to have some mention of Barbara Appel's art work in the "Bulletin".

Rita Wecker would welcome suggestions of names of people that the Nominating Committee could ask to serve.

Ruth Bucher will write a letter of condolence to Catharine Holmes.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Nina McCall. - January 7, 1988.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Eligabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary