

SMRAS Board Meeting
January 7, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Donna Nye at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Nina McCall. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Nina McCall, David McIntire, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Donna Nye, Pam Rubin, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse.

The minutes of the December Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. "Lester Holmes died November 16, 1987" should be inserted before the paragraph beginning, "The family of Lester Holmes".

The Treasurer's Report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1987 - December 31, 1987 - \$3,113.93. The Balance - \$24,105.03. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$12,183.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,653.00.

The Treasurer reported that she had received a check for \$1,000 from Ruth Spendelow to be used at Gedney in memory of her husband. There is more work to be done at Gedney. If any money is left over, it could be used to repair the bridge at Choute.

It was suggested that a thank-you to people contributing to SMRAS in memory of Lester Holmes be included in the "Bulletin" with the article Stan Lincoln will write about Lester.

Membership as of December 4, 1987 - 820

It was again stated that members transferring to another Chapter can continue to receive the "Bulletin" by paying \$5.00 a year.

It was decided to keep the Board Meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Frank Gillette received a request from National for 200 copies of brochures on Brinton and Graff. David McIntire volunteered to make the copies.

Word has been received that Dr. Pryun is in the hospital and is not in good condition. A collection of \$2.00 from each Board member was taken up to send him flowers. Stan Wecker will order the flowers.

Stan Lincoln needs to have committees to help with the Pancake Supper to be held at the Methodist Church in Pleasantville on March 18, 1988.

A letter should be sent to the membership bringing several things to their attention. Kaye is retiring and will be receiving a pension; we will no longer receive a portion of the Naturalist's salary from a benefactor and will need contributions to enable us to keep up our Naturalist Program.

Donna Nye said the Education Committee should have a meeting to make plans.

Stan Lincoln moved that the Society rent storage space of adequate size to store property Kaye now has on a monthly basis and authorize Kaye to secure the rental for us in our name at a site which is convenient for her. Seconded and approved.

and raising will be discussed at the interim meeting. We will see if Tea Town will take care of the telephone inquiries using our answering machine.

David McIntire said he has not had a reply to his letter to Nestle about acquiring Crystal Springs.

Ye Anderson has sent a report that there had been considerable vandalism at Brinton brook. Mr. Weinstein has arranged for repairs and will send us a bill.

Stan Lincoln moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the registration fee of \$35. for David McIntire to attend a symposium at Cornell. Seconded and carried.

The Board approved Stan Wecker's suggestion that we have a different program from the quizz planned for April - such as member participation. It was decided that a quizz program every other year would be sufficient.

The Youth Group problems were discussed. Roger Garrison is no longer active and if they are to continue to meet at school, another counselor will be needed. Tod would like to work with the group at Tea Town on weekends. This might be a good time to bring in young people from other schools. It will be necessary to discuss this matter with Steve Colman before definite plans can be made.

Ellen Heidelberger said the Town of Croton would like some in-put from SMRAS on their plans to control developers. They are worried about developers changing the character of the village. One proposal is to change the zoning on Brinton Brook from residential to parkland.

Ellen also said we need to question our continued eligibility under 501-(3).

The February Board Meeting will be held at the home of Stan Wecker.

There being no further business, Alice Avouris moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary