

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 11, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 8:35 p.m. at the home of Stan Wecker. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Richard Blair, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, Pam Rubin, Barbara Spengler, Stan Wecker, Betty Wiltse and Nina McCall.

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

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1987 - January 31, 1988 - \$3,998.84. The Balance - \$24,989.94. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$12,190.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,656.00.

The Treasurer reported that the funds from the memorial to Lester Holmes will probably be put in the Endowment Fund.

The date for the Budget Committee meeting is February 24, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Frank Gillette.

Peter Burckmyer thanked Stan Lincoln for the write-up on Lester Holmes which appeared in the "Bulletin".

Membership as of December 31, 1987 - 813

The report of the Nominating Committee read by Peter Burckmyer

Officers

President	Stanley Lincoln
Vice-President	Donna Nye
Chairman of the Board	Peter Burckmyer
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Wiltse
Corresponding Secretary	Ruth Bucher
Treasurer	Ellen Heidelberger

Directors - Three-year term to expire 1991:

Peter Burckmyer	Stanley Lincoln
Frank Gillette	Stanley Wecker
Ellen Heidelberger	Elizabeth Wiltse

Director - One-year term to expire 1989:

Nina McCall

Donna Nye reported that the ads for scholarships have been sent out and one application has been received. The Chappaqua Garden Club has again agreed to pay for one scholarship.

Donna also reported that a meeting had been held at Teatown with Steve Coleman. There is no storage or office space available at present. Steve is interested in being part of a search committee for a Naturalist for SMRAS. His advice is that it would be best to have a full-time person and that we could wait a year or so. Somebody could be hired to do maintenance work at the sanctuaries. His advice as to salary was - pay a professional a professional wage. He said we could have our answering machine at Teatown, but if they have to take care of it, there will be a charge. They could share a staff member and the bird seed sale could be held there. The Youth Group could also meet there but there should be a couple from SMRAS sharing in the program.

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Frank Gillette said he thinks the job description for a Naturalist should be changed.

Stan Lincoln reported that he, Pam Rubin, Frank Gillette and Carol Coggeshall had held a meeting to discuss finances and full-time, part-time naturalist. Their conclusion was that SMRAS needs to raise money. The inheritances are uncertain and we wish to continue our ongoing program. There will be a lack of funds starting in June. They deem it reasonable to appeal to members for a significant amount of money to carry on our program. There could be a focus on appealing to someone who could be a big contributor and we could suggest that members remember us in their wills. Bob Brown was suggested as a fund raiser we could consult. The suggested target is \$15,000 ^{a year}

Stan Lincoln moved that we as a society commit to organize and launch a program to have a fund raising drive to underwrite the anticipated gap in funds to support continuation of our full-time naturalist program. Seconded and carried.

Stan Wecker moved that we set a target date of September, 89 for hiring a full-time naturalist. Seconded and carried.

The Budget Committee should deal with a part-time employee who has the skills to maintain the sanctuaries and to carry on Kay's duties.

The consensus of the Board was that the next step is to have a small committee to meet with fund raisers. Early in March the two Stans and Peter will have a preliminary planning meeting to deal with the fund drive.

Nina McCall reported that the Jay property problem has not been solved and letters are to be written to Como and other government officials.

Pam Rubin reported for David McIntire. He attended the meeting at Cornell; has had no answer from Nestle; wrote about the Croton moratorium and ~~talked~~ talked to Kaye about the sanctuaries and recommended that we appoint a lawyer or law firm to deal with our legal problems.

Drew Panko said the Rhode Island trip was cancelled because not enough people were interested.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Peter Burckmyer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Eligabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary