

SMRAS Board Meeting
March 3, 1988

The meeting was called to order by Peter Burckmyer at 7:30 p.m. 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 and Betty Wiltse. Kaye Anderson was also present.

The minutes of the February Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. The second paragraph on Page 2 should end "\$15,000 a year."

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1987 - February 29, 1988 - \$2,651.63. The Balance - \$23,642.73. The Endowment Fund - \$68,360.03. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$12,212.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$4,659.00

Membership - 840 as of January 31, 1988.

Frank Gillette presented the Budget which he said should have one item changed. Conventions and Meetings should be put back to \$500. He moved that the Budget with the one correction be accepted. Seconded and carried. (copy attached)

Frank Gillette said a paragraph explaining why the budget figures are different from previous years should appear in the "Bulletin". He will write it.

Kaye Anderson reported that she had looked into available storage and found the place at Mt. Kisco the best. There is a space 5 x 10 available now at \$65. a month. Two months to be paid in advance.

Stan Lincoln moved that we secure the space for the Society. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln reported that Stan Wecker has discussed problems concerning a Fund Drive with a professional fund raiser and he advises that only one drive be held for money to be contributed during this drive rather than obtaining pledges to be made over a period of time. The plans are for the drive to begin as soon as possible this Spring and continue during the Summer.

Nina McCall brought up looking into contributions from Foundations.

Peter reminded the Board that the April meeting program will be a members' participation night rather than an environmental quizz. We would also like to see some of the scholarship winners do a fast focus.

Peter Burckmyer reported that he had spoken to Roger Garrison about his place on the Board and Roger will resign, making place for a new board member.

Nina McCall said she wrote a letter to the ^{Comm. of Environmental Protection} Chairman of Parks and Recreation Commission asking that the County condemn the Jay property so that it cannot be developed.

Pam Rubin reported that she attended a meeting in Albany about the Jay property. The plan is to try to get an appraisal of the property and to get money from the County and the State to purchase it.

Some thoughts about the interim period - after Kaye retires and before we hire another naturalist:

How will we handle requests from the community for services which Kaye has been providing? We need to establish a policy as to how we will use volunteers and also formulate the processes we are going to follow. What are we going to be doing a year from now?

~~Pam Rubin, Kaye Anderson and Mickey Spano will get together on the problem of work in the classrooms.~~

The consensus of the Board is that we can carry on as usual. We will respond to such requests that we are in a position to take care of or we can recommend an individual to be consulted. We also must decide about a telephone and a post office box.

David McIntire said the meeting he attended at Cornell was on parks and conservation, a gathering of planners. He was the only Audubon member.

Drew Panko will have a meeting on March 29 at 8:00 p.m. on Field Trips. We can no longer depend on Kaye to lead trips.

Frank Gillette said Mr. Kaiser was President of SMRAS at the time Mrs. Pruyn's will was made known. Stan Lincoln will contact him to see if he has any information.

Stan Lincoln reported that Diana Blair is the new Director of FWC.

Ken Soltz, a former Tea Town Naturalist, provided a very interesting program on turtles at the February general meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Peter Burchmyer.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary