

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 1, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Peter Burckmyer. Stan Lincoln took over later in the meeting. The following Directors were present: Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Pam Rubin, Stan and Rita Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Carol Coggeshall was also present.

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

Peter Burckmyer suggested that when board members send communications to each other they not use official stationery.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1988 - November 30, 1988 - \$130,040.88. The Balance - \$151,734.13. The Endowment Fund - \$71,792.27. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$12,669. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$2,889.

The Treasurer reported that the profit on the seed sale was \$6,850. but the Benefit was in the hole.

The Prickley Pear Hill Development has ^{proposed} some houses within 20 feet on the border of Brinton Brook. David McIntyre has been in touch and will report later.

Frank Gillette reported that Mr. Larson will do the professional audit of the books at half the cost of the other auditor.

Rita Wecker reported that our attorney said that we received the money from the trust very quickly. However we have not received the accounting on the investment. Mr. Casper has agreed to return the \$3,200. interest.

Rita Wecker moved that the following resolution be approved:

Resolved, That Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. shall give a release and an agreement indemnifying and holding harmless the Executors of the estate of Fellowes Morgan Pruyn, deceased, in connection with: (1) the Executors' payment to Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. of \$3,200 which is the post-death income from the Missouri Trust and (2) a waiver by the estate of any claim the estate may have for additional post-death income, and be it further

Resolved, That the President and/or Finance Committee Chairperson of Saw Mill River Audubon Society, Inc. be authorized to sign, with advice of counsel, any documents necessary to achieve this result.

Seconded and carried.

Rita also said that it has been decided to keep the account in the Kemper Fund and that the CD which is to come due will be put in a Kemper money market fund which has check writing privileges. The Finance Committee will decide later how to handle the funds.

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Frank Gillette said that the return only entrance from Woodmill will be the entrance for the general public to the Pruyn property.

Jod Baldwin can finish the board walk for \$800. and the committee would like authorization from the Board to go ahead with the work and would like to hold off on the dedication until the work is finished.

Frank Gillette moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of \$800. to complete the board walk at Gedney. Seconded and carried.

It has been suggested that the plantings around the house be included in the trail guide, keeping at sufficient distance from the house so as not to intrude on its privacy. There should be name plates for trees near the house, but no decision has been made as to what kind of plac to use nor how to use them.

Donna Nye has received 20 applications for the position of naturalist, only one of which is from a Westchester resident. Stan Lincoln said he would like to find out why local naturalists have not applied.

Frank Gillette suggested the use of video tapes for interviewing.

Pam Rubin said that something should be done to make the entrance to the Pruyn property safer.

Frank Gillette said that when we make a new map of Gedney, it should show the whole surrounding area.

Barbara Spengler is trying to get plans made for the dedication.

The Board approved a \$50. Christmas gift to Assis.

Stan Lincoln announced that David Miller is the new regional vice-president working out of Albany.

Ron Dodson has sent a request for SMRAS to join his organization, Audubon Society of New York State.

Pam Rubin attended the budget hearing for the Jay property. Her statement is attached hereto.

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

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary



SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY INC

A CHAPTER OF NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

109 Skytop Drive
Pleasantville, NY 10570

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Secretary