

SMRAS Board Meeting
February 2, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Stan Lincoln at 7:25 p.m. at the home of Rita and Stan Wecker. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, Pam Rubin, Stan and Rita Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Thelma Smith was also present.

were read

The minutes of the January Board Meeting and accepted as corrected. Third paragraph from the bottom on Page 1 - remove the "and" between environmental and Educational. Third paragraph on Page 2 should read "opportunity to nominate a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors of National," rather than "to serve on the Council".

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1988 - January 31, 1989 \$128,735.13. The Balance - \$150,428.38. The Endowment Fund - \$71,792.27. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$12,921. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - 2,945. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$165.00.

Rita Wecker reported that the question of the interest on the trust fund has not been settled and the attorney's bill to date is \$2,600. A decision was made to modify the document pertaining to the interest as Mr. Casper has requested and send it back to him for his signature. Also to let the attorney ^{know} that we do not want to spend any more money to settle this question.

Nina McCall reported that the county ^{has been advised} is planning to buy the property in the Pocantico area adjacent to Chernik, removing development problems.

There is really nothing we can do about Kitchawan. The Botanical Gardens is under no restrictions if it decides to sell the property.

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Alice Avouris moved that we rename Pinecliff Sanctuary The Kaye Anderson Memorial Sanctuary. Also that we rename the trail at Gedney to be used by the public around the Pruyn house in memory of Kaye.

Sophie Keyes moved that we table the above motion until the next Board Meeting. Seconded and carried.

Peter Burckmyer reported that the Education and Personnel Committee, Donna Nye, David McIntyre, Peter Burckmyer, Linda Conte and Stan Wecker have gone over the applications for the position of Naturalist and Stan has made a rating sheet. The Committee picked the top five. Donna has contacted them and February 11, 1989, has been set for interviewing. Alice and Nina volunteered to house any who live at some distance and do not have other accommodations.

It was the consensus of the Board that it would like to have the opportunity to meet the candidate selected, asking the Education and Personnel Committee to act in Stan's behalf during his absence to call a meeting. A tentative date of February 25, 1989 was set for the meeting.

Frank Gillette reported that he had looked into the problem of parking at the time of the dedication and the police said that parking along the road ^{side of 133} would be permitted if everybody parks on the same side. Having mirrors installed opposite the driveway will have to be dealt with on a State level since 133 is a State Road.

Chris reports that the chain saw does not work well. Frank and his committee should be empowered to make decisions regarding the purchase or repair of tools.

The house needs new drapries. The stove should be repaired or replaced. The refrigerator is not adequate and there is no dryer. The Education and Personnel Committee should be empowered to say we will make the house livable.

The two downstairs rooms will be used for an office for the Naturalist and to house our various records. Members would be expected to call before visiting the house until the time that arrangements can be made to have permission from the Naturalist to consult records in his/her absence. A separate entrance to the office and storage space can be planned for at a later date.

Midge Arnold reported on the plans for foundations plantings. The roots from the 13 hemlocks which were cut down in front of the house will have to be removed before any plantings can be made. An estimated cost is \$275. Midge would like to have the horticulturist at Kitchawan help with the planting. The cost of the proposed shrubs and a tree would be \$1,153.47. The ground cover - pachysandra - we could supply and plant ourselves. Also the clumps of bushes to be planted to create privacy for the house could come from members.

Frank Gillette moved that Midge Arnold be empowered to spend up to \$1500. on the planting around the Pruyn house. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln reported that we have no one to take care of hospitality at the next general meetings. Also he would like to have an informal tea in April or June to which the neighbors of the Pruyn property would be invited.

Stan thanked Sophie Keyes for planning the memorial to Kaye Anderson which is included in the next "Bulletin".

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Alice Avouris.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary