

SMRAS Board Meeting
April 6, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. by Stan Lincoln at the home of Frank Gillette. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burchmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, David McIntyre, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, Pam Rubin and Betty Wiltse. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the February 2, 1989, and February 25, 1989, meetings were accepted as corrected. Paragraph 5 of Feb. 2 should read "the county has been asked to buy" rather than "the county is planning to buy". The last paragraph on the same page should read "parking along the side streets only, not on 133". Fourth paragraph from the bottom on Feb. 25 meeting should read, "The Finance Committee has decided to leave the money invested in its present instruments."

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1988 - March 31, 1989 \$127,937.23. The Balance - \$149,630.48. The Endowment Fund - \$71,792.27. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,094.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$2,984. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$348.00. The Treasurer also mentioned that a \$500. contribution had been received from The Readers' Digest for the Gedney Board Walk.

Frank Gillette moved that \$119,630.48 be transferred to the Endowment Fund. Seconded and carried.

The situation with the Trust Fund has not been changed. Stan Lincoln should sign the legal document pertaining to the interest so that the remainder of the Trust Fund will be given to us.

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It was the consensus of the Board that a decision on renaming Pinecliff Sanctuary should be made later on, at the May Board Meeting at the latest.

The Nominating Committee placed both new Board Members in the class of 91. The intention of the Board was to have one in 91 and one in 92. Thelma Smith will be asked to designate which class each of the new members will be.

David McIntyre reported that he, Pam Rubin, Stan Lincoln and Frank Gillette had met with two members of the Bedford Chapter to discuss the problem of National's plan to consider disposing of sanctuaries that Bedford manages. They want to join with SMRAS to see what our thoughts are. We should keep each other informed.

The Board Walk at Gedney is progressing. The extra three foot sections will be used for the bridge at Choate.

The Prickley Pear Development will have 130 lots. Since it is adjacent to Brinton Brook, we should consider having more fencing along our border. Also a gate or something should be installed at the entrance to Brinton.

At Graff a cover should be installed to plug the hole above the old concrete cistern.

Frank Gillette said the assessors require that we apply for tax exemption on the Pruyn property by May 1, 1989. Education is the only reason for exemption. The record of membership has been changed from Agnes Pruyn to SMRAS.

The Naturalist has moved in and a new telephone line needs to be installed. The cost is to be shared with the Naturalist. Various repairs need to be made. The Board will be understanding. Frank Gillette said a separate hot water heater would be desirable.

Midge Arnold reported that the foundation plantings at the Pruyn property are under way, and that the map of the property will be completed later.

The Naturalist may use the old vegetable garden.

No applicants for scholarships have been received so far this year.

Nina McCall reported that The League of Women Voters is interested in preserving Crystal Springs.

Anne Swaim reported that the books have been placed on the shelves in the office and she and Ruth Bucher will meet to discuss cataloging.

Nina McCall volunteered to help with plans for the Neighborhood Tea which is to be held on June 10.

SMRAS has two votes at the June meeting of National Board, N.E. for candidates to serve on the Board of Directors of National. Stan Lincoln will bring background on the candidates to the next Board Meeting.

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Stan Lincoln is on the New York State Council Nominating Committee.

The May 4th meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Peter Burckmyer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary