

SMRAS Board Meeting  
May 4, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Stan Lincoln at 8:30 p.m. at the home of Peter Burckmyer. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, David McIntyre, Donna Nye, William Romaine, Pam Rubin, Rita Wecker, Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Anne Swaim was also present.

The minutes of the April 6th Board Meeting were read and accepted as corrected. At the bottom of page 1, the date that we must apply for exemption is June 1.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1989 - April 30, 1989 - \$4,788.94. The Balance - \$25,211.06. The Endowment Fund - \$191,424.75. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,183.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,004.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$350.00.

The Treasurer pointed out that the amount transferred to the Endowment Fund was \$119,632.48 rather than \$119,630.48 as approved by the Board at the April meeting. She also reported that the West Orchard PJA had contributed \$25. toward the memorial for Kaye Anderson.

Another development is planned for the other side of Brinton. Our Conservation Chairman should make known our desire for fencing to separate Brinton from the area planned for development.

The check for the interest on the Trust Fund has not been received to date.

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Alice Avouris suggested a memorial to Kaye could be a library of books to which contributions can be made. Alice will continue to collect ideas for an appropriate memorial.

Pam Rubin

Barbara Spengler, Carol Coggeshall, and Stan Lincoln are the committee planning the dedication of the Pruyn property to be held September 23.

Donna Nye said there apparently is no interest in scholarships this year. The Garden Club of Chappaqua should be told that we plan to try again next year. There has been no report from the student doing the study on marking birds. One scholarship to Camp de Bruce is being considered.

The Lights should be notified how the money from the Light Scholarship Fund is being used, if they have not been. An article about it should appear in the "Bulletin".

Anne Swaim gave a detailed report on her activities. She is working on a series of school packages which will help with science projects. She suggested a work plan for sanctuaries which would tell what to do each month. Paint used for marking trails is damaging the trees. Perhaps plastic markers would be a solution.

Anne would like input from members of the Board on work in the office. A desk top copier would be a good investment.

Donna Nye moved that Anne Swaim be authorized to purchase a desk top copier at the best price she can obtain. Seconded and carried.

Anne will work up a fee structure and circulate it at Board Meetings.

Donna Nye reported that there is a very effective tick repellent - permom. It can be purchased in Connecticut. Midge Arnold said some people have found wearing a tick collar around the top of each boot very helpful.

The problem of taking injured animals to Life Line was brought up. It should not be a significant part of our business. How much of our effort do we want to contribute?

Frank Gillette moved that we proceed with a complete decontaminating program at the Pruyn property. Seconded and carried.

Betty Wiltse moved that we replace the heating system at the Pruyn property. Seconded and carried.

The telephone lines need to be replaced. The phone company will replace the lines if we dig the ditch. Frank Gillette will look into the cost of trenching. Peter Burchmyer will take charge of the trenching.

Stan Wecker said that programs for the year are planned. Anne will give the first program in the Fall. We need a new publicity approach to attract new people. Every program and every field trip should be written up in the "Bulletin". We should have a job description for a Publicity Chairman.

Stan Lincoln reported that it had come to his attention that we are in violation of some of our By-Laws. We did not have a quorum at our Annual Meeting and we do not have a Historian. We do not have an appropriate statement of what happens to our assets should we be dissolved. David McIntyre volunteered to see if there is a legal requirement.

We should decide by the next Board Meeting whether or not we are going to change the name of Gedney Sanctuary. The name should be on a sign board at the entrance.

We should send personal invitations to the Open House to be held at the Pruyn property on June 10.

David McIntyre reported that Todd is willing to work for us all Summer. The bridge at Choate will be the next project.

Stan Lincoln said National will be approaching us concerning the disposition of Brinton and Graff.

The next Board Meeting will be held at the home of Midge Arnold on June 6, 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary