

SMRAS Board Meeting
June 6, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. at the home of Midge Arnold by Stan Lincoln. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burchmyer, Pamela Goddard, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, David McIntyre, Donna Nye, Drew Parko, William Romaine, Pam Rubin, Rita Wecker, Stan Wecker and Betty Wiltse. Anne Swaim and Berna Weisman were also present.

The minutes of the May Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Pam Rubin should be included in the committee planning the dedication of the Pruyn property.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1989 - May 31, 1989 - \$5,149.68. The Balance - \$24,850.32. The Endowment Fund - \$191,424.75. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,302.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,031.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$378.00.

The Treasurer also reported that we have received the trust money but we have not received the bequest money.

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Alice Avouris reported that the idea of a Kaye Anderson Memorial Library has met with approval. A committee should be formed to determine what books we need and a list sent to members asking for donations of old books or new ones. We should have a book plate made. Members could borrow books. The main trail at Gedney will be named after Kaye Anderson.

Alice Avouris moved that we have a two-part memorial to Kaye Anderson as outlined above. Seconded and carried.

Nina McCall moved that the sanctuary be called The Pruyn Sanctuary with the notation "In memory of Agnes K. and J. Morgan Pruyn". Seconded and carried.

Peter Burchmyer reported that he had talked with the electrician about the trenching and had been given a figure of \$5,000 for the cost. The trustees will deal with the problem when Frank Gillette returns.

Anne Swaim said she had 113 phone calls. Somers Animal Hospital will care for injured animals. Also Owl Wildcare in Dutchess. She will have a package press release for Dick Blair.

It was decided that we would buy the cheaper model of the desk top copier.

SMRAS Chapter has cast its two ballots for William Ross to serve on the Board of National.

We must file an application to be a certified member of National Audubon. Ruth Bucher will take care of it.

We should use the "Bulletin" to promote legislative issues and have post cards for members to send to legislators [at general meetings.]

Nina McCall reported that we are asked to oppose oil development.

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David McIntyre has been working on the By-Laws. We could define a quorum as 10% of ^{for the annual} active members or lower to 5% with proxies. The Historian could be eliminated. ^{as an} David will have a draft of how we should decide at the September meeting. ^{Open position}

David also said we should have deer tick warning signs at the sanctuaries. Todd has finished at Gedney. His next work will be the bridge at Choate. We have some money left from Gedney to use at Choate. The cost will probably be \$125. now with a future \$300.

William Romaine suggested we request contributions for care of injured animals.

New Castle Community Day will be sometime in September. We should have a booth.

The Summer Committee will be Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Drew Panko, Midge Arnold, Pam Goddard and David McIntyre.

The Board designated Ellen Heidelberger and Stan Lincoln to select candidates to Lilian Stoner Award Scholarship Annual Meeting of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Ellen Heidelberger on September 7, 1989.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary