

SMPRAS Board Meeting
October 5, 1989

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

The minutes of the September Board Meeting were approved as corrected. On the 2nd page, 5th paragraph, add "tick warning signs to be placed later".

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1989 - September 30, 1989, \$12,636.84. The Balance - \$17,363.16. The Endowment Fund - \$391,424.75. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,598.00. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,127.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$425.00.

Rita Wecker reported that the Finance Committee had a meeting and plan to work up a program for investment. Do we want to manage the investments ourselves or should we have someone else do it? We want to have enough money to invest for capital growth.

The revised budget was presented by Frank Gillette and adopted by the Board. (Copy of the revised budget attached hereto)

Alice Avouris reported that Ingrid Michel left a bequest of \$2,000. to SMPRAS.

Membership - 769 as of September 7, 1989.

Frank Gillette said that the septic tank at the Pruyn property has been cleaned and an exterminator is coming October 6, 1989, to inspect the house.

Anne Swaim reported that she has had 50 calls from schools. There are 60 programs for 1500 kids. Mammals and birds are popular, also toxics and programs on butterflies and moths. The programs are requested for pre-school to 8th grade. She will try to reach high school. There is an ecology club in White Plains. Clubs and extra curricular activities may be the way to get in to high school.

A meeting was held with Assis to work out maintenance rotation of the sanctuaries. There are twelve additional volunteers to work in the sanctuaries. A work day will be scheduled.

New nest boxes are needed in the orchard and at Pinecliff. The pieces could be pre-cut and put together by seniors or someone looking for a project.

^{Midge Arnold and}
Pam Rubin, Nina McCall, Stan Lincoln and Anne Swaim will have a meeting to make plans for the dedication of the Pruyn Sanctuary next Spring. Anne will be the key player and will present finite plans at the next Board Meeting. Late April or early May are suggested dates.

National has asked us to formally consider whether we will accept title to the sanctuaries they wish to dispose of, namely, Brinton Brook and Graff. The extra insurance would be \$350. to \$400. Bill Romaine will look into insurance matters. It was the concensus of the Board that we are more than interested in acquiring the sanctuaries, preferring Brinton to Graff.

Lice Avouris said plans for a bookplate for the Kaye Anderson Memorial Library are under way. A wish list of books is to appear in the next "Bulletin" asking for contributions.

Sophie Keyes said she had had a letter from Hoch Reid saying how much he likes the new format of the "Bulletin".

Drew Panko reported that 8-12 people went on the field trip to Jamaica Bay and saw some interesting birds. There were about 20 people on the Pruyn walk and the canoe trip had eight canoes.

Stan Lincoln needs help. SMRAS has been asked to present a "positions Assessment" of programs on wild life management systems. Every five years an update is made. Drew Panko ~~will represent SMRAS.~~ ^{would like to help} We shall have to see how we can help.

Peter Berle would like some input on the Adirondacks. There will be a hearing on November 1, 1989.

Stan Wecker reported that we will have a folk singer for our benefit program in November, hoping that such a program will attract young people. The auditorium at the Bell School should be ready by that time. ~~We will charge \$5. for adults and \$2. for students.~~ ^{Suggest \$ contributions} There is still a question as to whether tickets for the Benefit are tax deductible.

Nina McCall reminded the Board that now is a good time to ask candidates questions about environmental problems.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary