

SMRAS Board Meeting  
November 2, 1989

The meeting was called to order by Stan Lincoln at 8:25 p.m. at the home of Alice Avouris. The following Directors were present: ~~Midge Anota~~, Alice Avouris, Ruth Bucher, Peter Burchmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, David McIntyre, Donna Nye, William Romaine, Pam Rubin and Betty Wiltse. Anne Suxim and Thelma Smith were also present.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Page 2, 4th paragraph should read, "Drew Panko volunteered to help". 6th paragraph "The suggested contribution" rather than "We will charge".

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1989 - October 31, 1989 - \$3,257.15. The Balance - \$33,257.15. The Endowment Fund - \$396,123.28. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,706. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,145. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$427.

The Finance Committee met and has plans which will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Stan Lincoln moved that the Nominating Committee members be Thelma Smith, Carol Coggeshall and Phil Heidelberger. There is no Chairman at present, but the hope is that someone will volunteer. Seconded and carried.

The Education Committee Meeting is to be held sometime the middle of December. They hope to get some people interested in scholarships. Ellen Heidelberger will contact the Chappaqua Garden Club to see if they will give a scholarship for 1990.

Anne Suxim reported that she has 120 programs scheduled from now until June. She has asked the schools for an evaluation of the programs and also to make suggestions for programs. She also said we should think about sanitary facilities at the sanctuaries.

Membership - 764 as of October 12, 1989.

Sophie Keyes said the Christmas Tea should be handled the same way as last year.

Stan Lincoln said he had attended a public hearing in Poukeepsie on the future of the Adirondacks. SMRAS made a formal statement of its position that insuring that the Adirondacks have a future is most important.

Nina McCall made a call to the Governor's Office concerning the Jay property. So far no agreement has been made as to how the problem will be handled.

The State DEC Wild Life Bureau Systems for Managing Wildlife is attempting to think through how to put a management plan in place.

Frank Gillette said the Bird Seed Sale was the best ever, showing an \$8,000 profit. We sold 27 tons. 9,000 (est.)

He also reported that there are more repairs needed at the Pruyn property. A board in the garage should be replaced and something must be done about the windows in the livingroom-diningroom area. The Board empowered the Committee to see that the repairs are made on the garage roof.

The Board authorized the Trustee Committee to make a decision as to what kind of

storm windows to buy. The fixed thermopane windows above and below except for two awning type double glazed windows below, one in the livingroom area, the other in the diningroom area, were preferred over conventional storm windows.

Stan Lincoln said that the cistern at Graff is a natural attraction adjacent to the Red Trail. Jod Baldwin is interested in working on it to make it safe. The suggestion is to install an iron plate larger than the hole into the cistern and then cover the whole thing with concrete. It would be arranged so that it would be difficult for vandals to break through. The price for the whole job would be \$500. or less. Jod could do it in the next two weeks. We will approach National to see if they will pay for it.

David McIntyre moved that we authorize the expenditure of up to \$500. for Jod Baldwin to complete the sealing of the cistern. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln talked with Frank Durston who said that National has decided to dispose of the relatively small sanctuaries such as Brinton and Graff. <sup>Their hope is that SMAS</sup> In order to protect the interests of National should a sale of such sanctuaries be made sometime in the future, arrangements should be made to negotiate on the profits at the time of the sale. <sub>DIVISION</sub>

Alice Avouris moved that a letter concerning the above be sent to National by a Committee consisting of Stan Lincoln, Chairman, David McIntyre, Peter Burckmyer, and Frank Gillette. Seconded and carried.

A Frank DeNardo of Cortland Farms has offered to contribute a piece of property to SMRAS. The Board considered the proposal and rejected it.

David McIntyre moved that SMRAS agree to be an official sponson of the gala celebration to be held in New York City by the Sierra Club and the Sterling Forest Coalition. Seconded and carried.

A committee meeting was held by Stan Lincoln, Carol Coggeshall, Nina McCall, Midge Arnold and Pam Rubin to discuss <sup>rain date</sup> what to do about the dedication of the Pruyn property. Tentative dates are May 5 or 6 with the ceremony and reception at the house from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There would be a formal ribbon cutting sort of thing with various officials invited to attend. The Board agreed that the Committee should continue with their plans.

According to IRS rules and regulations the tickets to the Benefit are not tax deductible unless they are returned with the suggested contribution and not used. Or, if additional money is added to the suggested contribution for the tickets, that amount can be deducted in computing income tax.

The Board empowered the Committee for the Kaye Anderson Memorial to make the decision as to what type of name plate will be used in books.

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

The December Board Meeting will be held at the home of Sophie Keyes.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary