

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 7, 1989

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

The minutes of the November Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Membership is 764. Third paragraph, Page 1, should read "showing \$8,000 profit with more to come". 4th paragraph, Page 2 - delete last sentence, add "National is effectively offering Graff and Brinton to SMRAS."

Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1989 - November 30, 1989 - \$12,335.61. The Balance - \$17,664.39. The Endowment Fund - \$396,123.28. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$13,802. Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,167. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$430.

The Bird Seed Sale profit - \$9,279. Benefit proceeds - \$300. The Chappaqua Garden Club will discuss contributing a scholarship to SMRAS at the next meeting. A check for \$500. has been received from Seymour Weinstein.

Membership as of November 9, 1989 - 760. Suggestions were made to have Board Members call people they know who have let their memberships lapse. Also to capitalize on Earth Day to find new members.

Alice Avouris reported that the cost of the book plate for the Kaye Anderson Memorial library will be \$375. for 1,000 of the lick-&-stick type. The Board thought the cost excessive. The Committee will consider an alternative.

Rita Wecker, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee had had many meetings and consulted with many experts and ^{done} legal research. Ellen Heidelberger, Frank Gillette and Phil Heidelberger made the presentation of the Policy and Guidelines for Management of Funds.

Rita Wecker moved that the Policy and Guidelines for Management of Funds as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved by the Board. (copy attached hereto) Seconded and carried.

Discussion of fund raising will be held at the January Board Meeting.

Stan Wecker suggested Blanche and Bob Nelson to handle publicity.

Anne Swaim said the Education Committee will meet next week to make long range plans. She has 20 new programs between now and next Spring; has been working with Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops, offering work shops for merit badges and will try to get them into the Sanctuaries. A new program on endangered species will be offered. She has had requests at the junior high level. Clearwater has offered cooperation. Brinton Brook looks great. White Plains and Croton have some young ecologists. Remapping of trails is another project.

Frank Gillette reported that the new windows at the Pruyn house will be installed soon. The repair job on the garage has been completed.

Frank has written two booklets of instructions, one on the seed sale and the other on care of the Pruyn house. They have been placed in the SMRAS files.

Deed for the Pruyn property has been received and has been properly recorded in the County Offices. The tax assessor should be sent a letter advising that the deed has been recorded.

Brisson and Brisson charged nothing for their legal services on the deed and should receive our enthusiastic thanks. Stan Lincoln will write to them.

Anne Swaim should receive \$134.39 to cover unexplained excessive electricity charges.

David McIntyre reported that Tod Baldwin has been unable to complete the work on the cistern at Graff because of cold weather. He, David, has written to the man who wanted to donate land.

SMRAS has been asked to write to the Greenway Council and to the Department of Transportation saying that we support the efforts to preserve open space. This concerns the parcel down by the railroad and river in Ossining. The Board empowered David to look further into the situation.

Anne Swaim walked the right-of-way on the DeVoe property.

Stan Lincoln reported that the situation concerning the offering of Graff and Brinton to SMRAS remains the same. The lawyers have more work to do on the deed.

Nina McCall moved that we work with the League of Women Voters on the plans for Earth Day. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln reported that JCWC had conferred with the County Executive concerning the Jay Property. Nothing has been done because the State has not offered to share in contributing money to buy the property.

JCWC is also trying to convince the County to have a separate Office of the Environment which would report directly to O'Rourke.

Peter Burley has asked SMRAS to contribute \$500. toward running David Miller's office in Albany. No decision made.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of Pam Rubin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary