

SMRAS Board Meeting  
February 1, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m. by Stan Lincoln at the home of Stan and Rita Wecker. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Frank Gillette, Ellen Meidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, Donna Nye, Drew Panko, William Romaine, Pam Rubin, Rita and Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. Anne Swain and Carol Coggeshall were also present.

The minutes of the January Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Add "to raise \$200,000!" to the first sentence on Page 2.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1989 - January 31, 1990 - \$15,257.08. The Balance - \$14,742.92. The Endowment Fund - \$396,123.28. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$14,011.00 Saw Mill Audubon Scholarship Fund - \$3,215.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$176.72.

Stan Lincoln announced the resignation of Ruth Bucher as Corresponding Secretary which was accepted with regret by the Board. The Nominating Committee will find a replacement to be on the slate for 1990-91. In the meantime Betty Wiltse will send the meeting notices for the next two Board Meetings.

Membership - 754 as of January 11, 1990. Alice Avouris said the cards she sends out to members whose memberships have lapsed also include thank notes to those who have renewed memberships. The cost is about \$125 to \$130 a year.

Bill Romaine presented the report of the Finance Committee Meeting showing the investment of \$413,000. (copy attached)

The Budget Committee of which Frank Gillette is Chairman will meet February 8, 1990.

Carol Coggeshall said she had talked with Barry Samuels about the reported closing of Croton Point Park and there is some hope that it can be kept open.

A letter has been received from FWC concerning David's Island Development. Nina McCall recommended writing against the development. FWC is raising funds and has jurisdiction over the use of the funds.   
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Donna Nye announced that the scholarship applications are all set.

The Education Committee met and has compiled a list of long range plans. (copy attached)

Pam Rubin moved that the Board accept the long range plans of the Education Committee as presented by Donna Nye. Seconded and carried.

Anne Swain has most of the program days filled and is working on other plans for scheduling in the Spring. 15 Girl Scout troops will take the workshops for merit badges. From February the programs will cover 2600 students. She has 21 programs a month covering 500 students. This takes three out of five days a week.

Sophie Keyes moved that SMRAS pay the expenses, including transportation, of Anne Swain and Donna Nye at the Regional Conference at Lake George in May. Seconded and carried.

The date of the Dedication of the Pruyn Sanctuary is April 29, 1990. Tom Casper and Doug Clark are coming. Pam Rubin read a list of people to be invited. Invitations will be sent about three weeks in advance.

Nina McCall announced the plans for Earth Day. The theme is "Think globally" - "Act Globally".

Nina McCall moved that we contribute \$200. for the use of the Earth Day Committee. Seconded and carried.

Frank Gillette reported that the ceiling at the Pruyn house has now been painted.

The Birdathon is off and running. This will be the first step of the Fund Drive. Diane Neeki is a new member of the committee. Half the proceeds will go to National for the N.E. Regional Office; the other half is dedicated to Pruyn and educational work.

Sophie Keyes said about 22 people went on the walk at Croton led by Bob Keyes. They saw ducks and owls as well as other birds.

Anne Swaim suggested that there be a field trip reporter to get names and generally free the field trip leader from such details.

The Board authorized the expenditure of \$50. for check lists to use on field trips.

The March Board Meeting will be held at the home of Anne Swaim, 775 Millwood Rd., Chappaqua.

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

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary