

SMRAS Board Meeting
September 5, 1990

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

The minutes of the May 31, 1990, Board Meeting were read and accepted with one correction. There was only one CD coming due.

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Expense over Revenue April 1, 1990, - ^{August 31} ~~June 30~~, 1990
2429.95 \$1,452.37. The Balance - \$28,547.53. The Endowment Fund - \$376,308.83. Light Memorial Fund - \$14,207.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Fund - \$218.20.

The Treasurer also reported that the audit has been completed. The bill was \$350. but there was a lot more work than last year.

Membership as of August 2, 1990 - 784. Alice hopes to get a new computer to get membership recorded and make it easier to handle. The cost of an annual listing is \$115.

The Library open house was not held. Every "Bulletin" should have a notice about the Library to encourage members to use it.

A vote of thanks was made to Ellen and Phil for all the work they do.

Pam Rubin has been responsible for the submission of exemption requests and the recertification of SMRAS by National.

In June the Birdathon showed a net profit of \$2,088. We placed first in New York State in our category. We also won some prizes - bird seed, some hats and a calendar plus two boxes of cards.

There will be a ^{N.Y.}down-state Audubon Council Meeting in October.

Nothing has been done about the zoning at Brinton Brook.

The transfer of Brinton and Graff to SMRAS is moving but not complete. It should be completed soon.

Martin, Anne, and Stan went to a meeting about Prickly Pear Development.

Watchers' Wild Life Rehab's request to house raccoons at Brinton Brook was refused.

There was no official meeting of the Summer Committee.

Stan Lincoln said he would like SMRAS to have 100 new members. A challenge to the Board was made.

Alice will have a meeting about mechanized membership.

Frank Gillette said that at a meeting of his committee the proposition was made that the gifts from Dr. Pruyn represent an uncommon gift. Hopefully the IRS will agree.
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Frank also said that windows for the Pruyn house should be purchased with grant money.

Drew Panko reported that seven people attended the first field trip at Jamaica Bay. The Hawk Watch comes next.

Frank Gillette moved that SMRAS support the bi-State Hawk Watch Coalition with a contribution of \$50.00. Seconded and carried.

Rita Wecker said that the Finance Committee met during the Summer and purchased a CD at 9.1% for one year. After a review of our investments, it was decided to make no change. Our yield is higher than the national average.

Stan Lincoln moved that the Nominating Committee be Thelma Smith, Phil Heidelberger and Carol Coggeshall. Seconded and carried.

There should be some advisors to the Committee. Alice Avouris volunteered to be one.

We should do something to acknowledge the gift of over fifty books from Ruth Mann.

Donna Nye said she had received one very nice letter from a scholarship winner, Pat Torpie, who went to Greenwich.

Martin Smolin said he had spoken to members of the Croton Board and they said not to worry about the Prickly Pear Development. Residents around the sanctuary have a strong feeling about development. They don't think the developer can back out at this point. Stan, Martin and Anne will meet with the project manager. He has a complete set of maps and deeds. It has an interesting history.

Anne Swain said we should be aware of wetlands handling, not just our border.

Vina McCall will be Fund Raising Chair. She will prepare a history of the organization and its objectives. We should sit back and give some thought to what we are doing. We should be prepared to deal with communities where we have properties.

David McIntyre is legal review committee chair.

Stan Wecker said that the programs for the year are all set.

Anne Swain reported on 1990-91 classroom programs. There are 120 school contracts. We have raised our rates and it is important to point out that we are underwriting most of the cost.

Stan Lincoln moved that we ^{formally approve the proposed by-law amendment} contribute to Federated N.Y. State Bird Clubs. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln asked every member of the Board to write to the County Legislators urging them to support the condemnation of the Jay property.

He also asked if anyone knows anything about N.Y. State Unemployment Insurance. We may be in violation.

Stan Lincoln would like to have a representative from each community to act as a community affairs contact.

The October Board Meeting will be held at the home of Betty Wiltse.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 P.M.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary

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