

SMRAS Board Meeting
December 6, 1990

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

The minutes of the November Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. 4th paragraph "Elsa Bumstead has been hired by Dave Miller as wetlands coordinator for the N.E. Region. She will be developing a guideline for the handling of wetlands."

6th paragraph "for grant money to support member clubs' projects" rather than "for a project".

2nd from the bottom "Nina McCall said we should ask East Hudson Parkway Authority to require that an environmental impact statement be filed regarding the widening of the Saw Mill River Parkway."

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The net profit for the bird seed sale so far is \$8,560.

Membership as of 11-1-90 is 750.

There are five zip codes - Peekskill and four others nearby which we have asked National to add to our area.

The Downstate Audubon Council Meeting is to be held at Greenwich on January 5, 1991.

Stan Lincoln announced that the Directorship of JCWC is open. \$18,000 for a 30 hour week.

Jack Andrews has made a list of what should be done at the Pruyn Estate. Westchester Tree Life received the award at a bid of \$1,040. A policy of what should be done around the house should be set up.

Robert Nelson has offered to make some shelves for the library. There will be a meeting with him in January, 1991.

The cost of a policy to protect Directors up to a million dollars in case of a suit against SMRAS would be \$2,500 to \$3,000. Sophie Keyes suggested that the problem of liability be brought up at the Downstate Council Meeting.

Stan Lincoln appointed William Romaine and David McIntyre to look into the possibility of securing insurance coverage for Officers and Directors. Diane Neski will look into the price of an umbrella policy.

Nina McCall reported that the Fund Drive is proceeding slowly. It is hoped that the solicitation of the special list will begin soon.

Anne Swaim reported that everything is going well in her department. It is well ahead of last year. Peter, Donna and Stan had a meeting with Anne and report everything is OK.

David McIntyre said his firm will report on the Sanctuary acquisition pro bono. A real estate lawyer will be assigned. They will also report on the N.Y. State Unemployment Insurance Question. SMRAS should agree to have PBWJ report on it.

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David McIntyre moved that the pro bono basis on the issues be (1) Acquisition of title to Brinton and Graff (2) other issues that may arise in the future. Seconded and carried.

Stan Lincoln said that there things wrong with the original contract and he expects to get a new statement of contract from National soon.

Drew Panko reported that the field trips are fairly successful. He saw three black vultures. A number of southern birds are coming north.

The Nominating Committee has requested approval from the Board to add an additional member to the Board.

Nina McCall moved that we increase the number of Directors from 20 to 21. The new member to be in the Class of 1993. Seconded and carried.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the home of Pam Rubin on January 10, 1991.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1990 - November 30, 1990 - \$7,006.85. The Balance - \$37,006.85. The Endowment Fund - \$376,308.83. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$14,739.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Library - \$222.20.