

SMRAS Board Meeting  
January 10, 1991

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

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as corrected. The 7th paragraph should have the following sentence added. "These have been requested as a condition of our accepting the two sanctuaries - Brinton and Graff."

The last paragraph on Page 1, last sentence, change to "SMRAS should agree to have Patterson, Balknap, Webb and Tyler represent us."

The Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1990 - December 31, 1990 - \$9,505.52. The Balance - \$39,505.52. The Endowment Fund - \$376,308.83. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$15,011.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Library - \$223.20.

Stan Lincoln announced that Millie Black has resigned as Corresponding Secretary, having moved from the area.

Jack Andrews moved that we accept Millie Black's resignation with regret and appoint Ruth Bucher to fill the vacancy until the Annual Meeting. Seconded and carried.

There is no news on the Sanctuary transfer.

Donna Nye moved that Stan Lincoln write to National and complain about the new Logo. Seconded and carried.

Donna Nye said the Scholarship mailing will go out February 1, 1991, to try to promote some interest.

JWC now has a Director - Goodie Lalash.

Martin Smolin reported that Prickly Pear Development is changing its plan somewhat. They plan to add 25 to 30 cottages for over-night guests at the golf club. That is not the sort of thing Croton people like.

William Romaine reported that he has had no word on the insurance coverage for officers and directors.

It was suggested that the Birdathon to be held May 11 & 12, 1991, be linked to the Pancake Supper in April at the Annual Meeting. A pledge to the Birdathon could be a ticket to the supper. It would also give us the required quorum for the Annual Meeting.

Anne Swaim reported that the school programs are going well. A lot has been accomplished with Jod Baldwin in the Sanctuaries. A report has been made of pouchers in Brinton and a lock is to go on the gate in an attempt to discourage them.

The Pruyn house needs some work - the tapes are again coming off the livingroom ceiling. The apple tree and the ash tree have both lost branches in the past ice storm.

Jack Andrews reported that Westchester Tree Life plans to begin work early in February or even late January. The Grounds Committee would like to encourage someone to take care of some flower beds around the pruyn property.

Stan Lincoln expressed the thanks of the Board to Rita Wecker for her report on the investments SMRAS has made. (copy attached hereto)

A contribution of \$100. will be made to the Hudson River Foundation in appreciation of Chris Letts taking part in the Environmental Quizz.

Nina and John McCall made a report on the plans for the Fund Drive. A plan for a five-year annual giving by members of SMRAS had been recommended along with special gifts from friends of Morgan Pruyn.

John Andrews moved that the plan be called The Environmental Education Fund. Seconded and carried. William Romaine and Frank Gillette opposed.

The next meeting of the Board will be held at the home of the Weckers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary