

SMRAS Board Meeting  
April 4, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Stan Lincoln at 8:35 p.m. at the home of Frank Gillette. The following Directors were present: Midge Arnold, Alice Avouris, Peter Burckmyer, Frank Gillette, Ellen Heidelberger, Sophie Keyes, Stan Lincoln, Nina McCall, David McIntyre, Diane Neski, William Romaine, Pam Rubin, Martin Smolin, Rita and Stan Wecker, and Betty Wiltse. John McCall, Jim Anderson, Berra Weissman and Anne Swaim were also present.

The minutes of the March Board Meeting were accepted as corrected. Delete the name Kate Lake in the 9th paragraph.

Treasurer's report: Excess of Revenue over Expense April 1, 1990 - March 31, 1991 \$7,424.82. The Balance - \$37,424.82. The Endowment Fund - \$378,135.19. Light Memorial Scholarship Fund - \$15,318.00. Kaye Anderson Memorial Library - \$230.00. Environmental Education Fund - \$10,336.00. House Maintenance Reserve Fund - \$1,740.90. Ellen Heidelberger moved that \$7,424.82 be transferred to the Endowment Fund. Seconded and carried.

Membership as of February 28, 1991 - 776

Stan Lincoln announced that a letter of resignation has been received from Ruth Bucher and the Nominating Committee will try to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The transfer of the sanctuaries is down to one point. National has agreed that any profit from the properties will belong to SMRAS. However, National does not want to agree to <sup>the way</sup> quit claims our attorney has requested.

Berra Swaim reported that she had had a meeting with the developers of Prickley Pear and they are trying to be environmentally sound.

Rita Wecker said that the Finance Committee is meeting to review the financial situation and will have a report at the next meeting.

Stan Wecker raised the question of having a special meeting at Peekskill for the new members from that area. No decision.

Nina McCall reported that the letters to the general membership have gone out, also letters to friends of the Pruyns. The next group will be to people ~~out~~ from whom we are asking larger contributions and to the neighbors of the Pruyns.

David McIntyre said he had visited Pinecliff and found the trails look good. However, there is considerable garbage containing some large items which should be moved.

Midge Arnold reported that Tod Baldwin had done a very nice job in the arboretum. Some trees have not been labeled and some of them are not hardy in this area.

Dr. Clark is interested in having a brass plate used to label trees and is also interested in a wild flower garden.

Pam Rubin has filled out all the tax forms on our properties.

Anne Swaim said the basic birding course was a success. Her report covering April, 1990 to March, 1991 is attached.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Peter Burckmyer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Elizabeth Wiltse  
Recording Secretary