CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Board of Directors was called to order by Ken Hotopp at 7:46 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on 19 December 1991

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elliott Adams

Catherine Harwood

Ken Hotopp

Eugene McCaffrey Mary Jo O'Donnell Dan Schuppel Sandra Scouten-Ford Robert Smith Karl Westphal

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

John Townsend

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Larson

John Mauhs

GUESTS PRESENT:

Fred Turnbull from the Adirondac Mountain Club Mike Welch from the Catskill Center

- COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA): Mike Welch (Catskill Center's CSA specialist) gave a presentation on CSA. In general CSAs are farms in which consumers buy a share of the following years production. Thus a share owner will get a portion of the raspberries, the peas, the tomatos, the beets and the potatoes grown on the farm that year. Produce is distributed periodically, weekly or bi-weekly. Often there is, in addition to the fee, a work requirement, maybe 8 hours per season. Robyn Van En's book is a good source for information Several CSAs are operating successfully in on CSAs. Eastern New York. The Catskill Center will provide technical and educational assistance to help start There was some discussion about the SLT sponsoring a public meeting about CSA for farmers. Catskill Center would be willing to help pay for publicity and provide a speaker.
- LONG TRAIL: Fred Turnbull gave a presentation on the Long Trail extension. The Long Trail currently runs from New Jersey to the Catskill Mountains, but it is being extended to the Mohawk River. The route will lead through Schoharie County. The SLT could help since the trail will largely go over private property all of which will require agreements with the owners. The contact person is Dale Hughes, PO Box 177, Lake Hill, NY 12448.
- OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION PLAN: Fred Turnbull further reported on the Draft Open Space Conservation Plan. The Region 4 hearings will be held 16 January at the Schenectady Public Library. There will be a workshop

from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and public hearings from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The public comment period will end 27 January. Gene McCaffrey will bring copies of the draft plan to the next SLT meeting. There are two copies of the plan for public viewing in the Stamford DEC office.

- IRS-501c3: The IRS has notified SLT that they will not approve the 501c3 application. The SLT has three options. Accept the ruling and not get a 501c3 status. Appeal the ruling which would require paid legal council and much expense. Withdraw our application, get some help in reviewing our application and resubmit it. The later course has been chosen. We are currently waiting for the return of our files.
- LPEP (IROQUOIS PIPE LINE): The proposal for Iroquois Pipe Line funds was turned down. It appears that they wanted projects would be finished quickly. The Board thanks Gene McCaffrey for all his hard work and original thinking in writing this proposal.
- CSA WORKSHOP: A committee, of Sandra Scouten-Ford (Chair), Mary Jo O'Donnell, and Dan Schuppel, was formed to coordinate an informational meeting, which should be targeted for spring, about community supported agriculture.
- LTA SEMINARS: Karl Westphal gave report on a tape of a seminar, about fund raising, from the LTA Rally.
- NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on the third Thursday as usual, 16 January 1992, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Elliott D. S. Adams Recording Secretary