CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Board of Directors was called to order by Mary Jo O'Donnell at 7:30 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on 17 October 1991

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elliott Adams

Catherine Harwood Mary

Ken Hotopp

Jo O'Donnell Robert Smith John Townsend Karl Westphal

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Eugene McCaffrey Dan Schuppel Sandra Scouten-Ford

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dorothy Garner

Craig Mausler

- LPEP (IROQUOIS PIPE LINE): The proposal has been submitted, no response has been heard. Some concern was expressed about where SLT will get the funds to administer the proposal if it is accepted. Karl Westphal will keep in touch with Gene McCaffrey to be sure there is a response to the proposal. Gene will be at the next SLT meeting.
- PICKETT PROPERTY: A committee met and drafted some proposals, which were reviewed by Chris Braley. Ken Hotopp presented two general proposals to Mrs. Pickett. Onedonate an easement and endowment on all or part of the property. Two-donate all or part of the property to SLT.
- INSURANCE: There was a report (from the Land Trust Rally '91) on insurance for land trusts and the Green Umbrella Plans in particular.
- EASEMENTS: A report (from the Land Trust Rally '91) was given on preparation for writing an easement.
- TAPES: Four tapes from the Land Trust Rally were passed out to individual members who will report on them at future meetings.
- MINUTES: There was no objection to having hand written minutes where that was more efficient.
- LIONS CLUB: The presentation to the Lions Club went well. Many people are concerned that SLT will be taking property off the tax

- rolls. SLT members agreed that every chance to make presentations should by taken advantage of. Short, simple presentations are most effective.
- COURSE: Trust for Public Lands is sponsoring a course for land trusts. Topics include growth strategies,

project management, and financing strategies. Bob Smith moved, it was seconded, and carried unanimously that SLT pay for two people to attend. The cost is \$45

per person.

- DOZEL PROPERTY: It was reported that this is still very vague, but the owners may be interested in having SLT pay the taxes (\$3500) for 4 to 12 years, at which point title would be transferred to SLT. Ken Hotopp will contact them.
- VECA: A reorganization meeting will be 7
 November, 8 pm upstairs in the Cobleskill
 Public Library.
- KAPLAN FUND: It was reported that the Kaplan Fund had contacted SLT to see if the Trust was interested in submitting a grant proposal. It turned out that SLT must have a 501c3 to qualify, and any of the agencies that had offered to share there 501c3s with us would not qualify either.

MEMBERSHIP: It was generally agreed that SLT should

establish a membership committee in the near future. DONOR LIST: A list of people might be donors is being

compiled. It will be a great help if everyone will start thinking of who might be possible donors.

- GRANT CALENDAR: John Townsend is going to keep a calendar of critical dates for various grants.
- GENERIC PROPOSAL: There was a discussion about having a general grant proposal ready to pull out when we find out about a grant just before the dead line. It was decided that a generic proposal is unlikely to be accepted. That the best we can do is to have budgets, plans, goals and objectives in place and in order.

Also with proper planing writing proposals at the last minute can be avoided.

MINUTES of the 15 August 1991 meeting were approved.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on the third Thursday as usual, 21 November 1991, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Elliott D. S. Adams

Recording Secretary