CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Schoharie Land Trust Board of Directors was called to order by Ken Hotopp at 7:45 PM at the Cooperative Extension Office in Cobleskill on 15 August 1991.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elliott Adams Catherine Harwood

Ken Hotopp Mary

Jo O'Donnell

Dan Schuppel Robert Smith

John Townsend Karl Westphal

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sandra Scouten-Ford

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Mauhs Virginia Mauhs

Jim Tiner

PRESENTERS:

Elene Gooze Joseph Gooze

PRESERVATION SERVICES FOR N.Y.: Grants from this source require 501c3 status. Inquiries may be submitted from September to March. An informal letter of inquiry

describing the project should be submitted in advance of a formal application. They provide start up and general operating funds. They have provided \$5,000 to \$10,000

to new land trusts.

PRESENTATION TO LION'S CLUB by Ken Hotopp to be in September DUTCH BARN PRESERVATION SOCIETY: The DBP Society said that if

there is a Dutch Barn on property the Land Trust acquires and the Land Trust cooperate with them, they will list the Land Trust as a resource.

ACRES POWER PROJECT: The Goozes gave an informative presentation on the Acres power project plans in Gilboa.

INNOVATIVE GRANTS PROPOSAL has no money for Board training. They also require 501c3 status.

501C3: The paper work is largely finished. It will cost \$150. Still needed are; an official Certificate of Incorporation (application and the \$10 fee has been made to Dept. of State), an Employee Identification Number.

LPEP: The proposal has been submitted and is going ahead

on schedule.

- HENRY TEPPER executive director of Columbia Land Trust will meet with SLT members 2 PM 28 August 1991 at the Freindlys Restaurant at the corner of Everett Road and Central Avenue
- BUDGET: A brief discussion of how large SLT's annual budget should be came to a conclusion of about \$10,000.
- PICKETT PROPERTY: The property do not include Schoharie Valley Soil types, it would be suitable to grow grain or hay. Some of the property is to steep to

pasture or grow hay. The property is not suitable for a dairy farm, but it could be certified organic. There are 14 A. of woodlands. There was a concern that Mrs. Pickett have adequate financial council through out any dealing with the SLT, she is in regular consultation with her attorney. Four courses of action are open to the SLT:

- 1. accept the property with the right to sell part of
  - it off to finance the management of the remainder.
  - 2. accept a conservation easement only
- 3. accept the property to preserve and manage
  - 4. not accept the property
- BONDING AND INSURANCE: No source for insuring the Board has come to light except for the Land Trust Alliance.
- NATIONAL ALLIANCE ANNUAL RELAY will be held in Waterville Valley September 21 through 25. A motion made by Karl Westphal was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Karl Westphal moved, it was seconded, and passed unanimously, that the SLT pay actual costs up to \$300 for one member or up to \$400 for two members to attend the Rally.
- EXCUSED: John Townsend will not be able to attend the next meeting.
- MINUTES of the 18 July 1991 meeting were approved, as corrected.
- NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on the third Thursday as usual, 19 September 1991, from 8 pm to 10 pm at the Cooperative

Extension Office, Cobleskill. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Elliott D. S. Adams Recording Secretary