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MEETING MINUTES July 9, 2017 Ross Park Zoo Binghamton, NY

New Business: President Marshfield did a small presentation last month on the idea of the society offering a \$500 grant towards fire retardant installation on any historic or authentic New York State Covered Bridge. He has put together an application similar to the National Society's. Each application received will be considered at a regular Society monthly meeting. This reimbursement is meant to reduce the loss of covered bridges from arson. The application would be placed on the website and if the address would be gathered for private bridges President Marshfield would be more than happy to contact the owners to make them aware of the grant. A motion was made to allow the application to go into effect for those wishing to apply for the grant through the society.

President Marshfield briefly spoke to a certified public accountant about the society's tax filing and 501c3 status if we wish to pursue it and will bring more information to a future meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

August 20 – Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, NY Stone Museum Badgley Building from 11-3Meeting at 12:30 with a guest speaker Don Airy (Blenheim Bridge) in the beginning of the meeting. The museum is open from 10-5 \$7 adults, \$6 seniors and \$2.00 children. Bring your lunches as it will be a picnic type meeting.

September 15-17 – Safari, Bedford and Somerset Counties PA. A block of rooms will be reserved at Travel Lodge Bedford until August 15, 2017 and will be \$80.00 per night plus tax. There will be a short meeting on Friday the 15^{th} in the lobby of the lodge at 7 p.m. Dinner on the 16^{th} will be at the lodge in the Cortland Room at 6 pm meeting after then followed by a possible power point presentation of the National Society Safari in Oregon.

November 12 – Annual Harvest Dinner, Hamden, NY doors open at 11:00 National Safari is August 25 to the 28th in Oregon

The NYS Path through History Weekend- President Marshfield will complete and submit the application. Donna has Van Tran Flat reserved.

Donna and Linda have done some more organizing at the storage facility and are gaining progress.

Karen Marshfield contacted Decker Advertising and got a quote for the cost of 2500 brochures for \$458.21 equaling out to .18 each. Donna moved to accept the quote and get new brochures ordered. A few minor adjustments will be made before the order.

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President Marshfield received two of the brochure holders that were ordered. He has placed one near the Hamden Covered Bridge and has been checking it frequently. He states that the holder is holding up and is not showing any issues with the weather. A motion was made to allow the society to purchase 7 more holders at \$13.94 each.

Bridge News:

- Ashokan Turnwood should be completed by the Graton's by the end of the year. President Marshfield will look into setting up a date for the Society to visit with Ashokan Center in the fall.
- Bleinheim Covered Bridge: The society will receive more details next month at the August meeting.
- Downsville Covered Bridge is still closed to traffic until the Route 30 Bridge is repaired. Throughout the hamlet of Downsville they have several small model covered bridges displayed along Main Street.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield NYSCBS Recording Secretary