



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2017 NYSCBS Safari 2017 Bedford, PA

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 7:05 P.M. with 18 guests and members present. He was very thankful that our first Vice President was able to attend and run the meeting in August and he appreciated it.

Upcoming Meetings:

November 11- executive meeting for officers only to be held at noon at the Hamden Community House

November 12 – Annual Harvest Dinner, Hamden, NY doors open at 11:00 dinner at noon with meeting following. We will do our annual card exchange. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

The NYS Path through History Weekend- President Marshfield has October 7th all set up on the State website at Van Tran Flat Covered Bridge in Livingston Manor. The pavilion has been reserved and is registered to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We can sell items from the store, have displays and offer snacks if we want to. If anyone is willing to help Donna, Wayne and Linda that would be greatly appreciated.

Ulster County Cultural Heritage Week –October 13-27, 2017 Donna Freeland contacted Ron Knapp. The only day he can do it is Sunday the 22nd. Donna will be there with the display. She has not contacted them to let them know that is when we can do it. They will have a small store set up at the location as well.

Storage facility – Linda Schott and Donna received a call from the manager that a 5x10 unit available to move into right away. They will have to give the manager a call on Monday to inquire further.

Bridge News:

Ashokan/Turnwood: President Marshfield has been emailing back and forth with Graton. His email is dated on September 13th. They should be complete with the bridge in about three to four weeks. The new roof is on, several new floor joists, new bottom cords, some sistering on the lattice. They have to finish the siding, put the floor back on and do some work on the abutments and finish the elephant ears. Ashokan Center has had so many activities going on there that it has interfered with their work which has set them back a little bit. President Marshfield was trying to get something set up in October for the society to be able to go see the new rehabilitated bridge. The CEO of Ashokan Center is tentatively planning on having an open house for the national society and the state society on March 17, 2018. President Marshfield will keep the society updated as he receives new information.

Downsville - reopened a week ago to traffic.

Blenheim – Some construction pictures will be shown after the meeting

Halls Mills – Donna Freeland’s friend Christy told Donna that she has not 100% confirmed it however, was notified that Sullivan County has advocated responsibility for the bridge and is giving it to the town of Neversink. When and if this happens we will be able to move forward with fixing the other side of the bridge with the railings to make it safer to get down to the water. We will also be able to approach the fire retardant. Christy is going to contact Donna when she finds out a definite. President Marshfield will also contact the town Supervisor to see what he can find out.

Outdoor Brochure holders: Three have been placed and there are 7 more available.

Other News:. President Marshfield has been trying to figure out what to do for next year’s safari. Next year’s national safari is going to be in Ashtabula County. President Marshfield spoke to Bill Caswell and asked if he would object if New York and the National had the same safari. Bill Caswell thinks it would be great if both societies joined together. The dates of the safari would be September 29- 30, 2018. If we are interested we would have to let them know how many people from the New York State Society would be attending. We will have to decide at the executive meeting where next year’s safari will be taking place.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
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