



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2017 Hamden Presbyterian Church Hamden, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting with 31 members and 1 guest present.

President Marshfield went through and did a recap of all that took place in 2017. The following occurred in 2017: April 9, 2017 we had our meeting at the Spaghetti Warehouse with 34 members and 3 guests present. A PowerPoint recap of 2012-2016 was presented by Linda Schott. June 11, 2017 the meeting took place at Myers Garden in Spencer, NY with 18 members present. July 9, 2017 picnic and meeting occurred at Binghamton, Zoo with 9 members. August 20, 2017 held by Gretchen Bronke was at the Stone Fort Museum in Schoharie, NY with 19 and 3 guests present. Our 2017 Bedford and Somerset County, Pennsylvania Safari was held with 16 members and 2 guests. A PowerPoint recap of the National Safari attended by Karen and Wayne Marshfield was shown. November 12, 2017 annual meeting and Turkey Dinner was held behind the Hamden Presbyterian Church with 31 members and 1 guest present.

The society set up a \$500 Grant towards fire retardant installation on any historic or authentic New York State Covered Bridge. As of today there have been no applications filed for the grant.

Brochure holders were purchased and distributed to allow our Covered Bridge brochure to be displayed at our Covered Bridges. Holders were placed at Hamden, Frontenac, Downsville and Newfield. New brochures were also ordered and received.

The society's EIN number has been secured

Donna Freeland and Linda Schott has done a phenomenal job on working to get the societies storage shed organized and have gotten it downsized to a 5x10 unit.

A tremendous amount of work has been done to update and enter as many of our bridges onto the Path Thru History website. The project has now been completed and 18 of New York's 32 Covered Bridges qualified for the listing. The following bridges have been listed: Hamden, Buskirk, Salisbury Center, Fitch's, Shushan, Mill Brook, Beaverkill, Perrine's, Eagleville, Lower Shavertown, Downsville, Van Tran, Rexleigh, Copeland, Jay, Newfield, Halls Mills and Hyde Hall. The following bridges were not listed for the following reasons: Waldbillig, Munson, Tuscarora, Erpf, Frontenac/North Country, Americana Village and Ashokan/Turnwood are all privately owned bridges and the owners preferred not to have them listed; Eagle Ville, Rether, Erwin Park, Ludlow Greens, Bendo and Tappan/Kittle have no historic significance so they were not eligible; The owners of Forge Covered bridge could not be contacted so it was not submitted.

President Marshfield, Donna Freeland and Linda Schott attended the Path Thru History Weekend at Van Tran Flat and made \$70.00 for the society by selling items from the store.

Donna, Ron Knapp and Linda Schott attended the Ulster County Heritage Weekend at Perrine's and made \$138.00 for the society.

Donna Freeland and Linda Schott set up a table with store items during yard sale days and made \$77.00 for the Society.

Meeting Schedule for 2018 - All in favor and passed (Duane, Karen)

April 8, 2018 – Spaghetti Warehouse – 2017 NYSCBS Safari power point

June 10, 2018 – Newfield Fire Department

July 8, 2018 – Van Tran picnic – Town Historian Guest Speaker

August 12, 2018 – Blenheim Town Hall or NYPA Facility

September 22-23, 2018 – Join the National for Safari in Ashtabula County, Ohio

November 11, 2018 – Annual Meeting and Dinner, Christmas card exchange – Hamden, NY

Election of Officers was same officers were made and passed.

Bridge News: Celebration of the completion of repairs to Ashokan Covered Bridge is being held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 with the National Society

Blenheim Covered Bridge should be completed in May or June with an opening ceremony. President Marshfield will keep the society posted when information is received.

Fitches Bridge in Delhi, NY had a traffic tape placed on the bridge while the Taste of the Catskills event was taking place and it was discovered that in 2 days 2700 cars went through the covered bridge. President Marshfield will be discussing ways to prevent this from happening in the future with the appropriate parties. Roddy Creek in Frederick County Maryland is back up and running.

Other News: Windfall Films in London has been filming the reconstruction of the Blenheim Bridge and is interested in doing a short scene at Hyde Hall Covered Bridge with Stan Graton and Ron Knapp.

A Covered Bridge display has been proposed at Hyde Hall. Trish, Bob and Donna propose to work on the display with the National Society. A permanent exhibit is in favor.

A brief discussion was held to discuss possible fund raisers for next year. Ideas that were mentioned were: Shopping bags with our logo to be sold at approximately \$3.00 each. Alice is going to make another quilt or placemats. Linda Schott is looking into Polo shirts with our logo on them. We also discussed having a bake sale at next November's meeting with bread and pies.

The society approved purchasing two banners to use at events with the society's information on them. A resolution was made and passed allowing the society to purchase 2.5' x 6' Banners with our logo and the website on them.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
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