



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2018

Spaghetti Warehouse

Syracuse, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:28 P.M. with 30 members and 2 guests present.

Self-introductions were made followed by the 50/50 drawing and raffle. The 50/50 brought a total of \$60.00 and the raffle brought \$38.00 to the society.

November 12, 2017 meeting minutes and Treasurers report were read and approved as well as the year-end report for 2017.

President Marshfield discussed upcoming meetings: June 10 is the only one that may have a location change. Converse's are trying to find the society a new place near Newfield to meet instead of the fire hall and its insurance issues.

July 8 – Picnic at Van Tran Covered Bridge, Livingston Manor meeting at 1:00 with a guest speaker

August 12 – NY Power Authority Visitor Center, Blenheim, NY meeting at 1:00

September 21-24 Safari with NYSPCB Ashtabula County, Ohio in conjunction with the National Safari – See tentative schedule. If anyone is interested in attending and riding the bus please let them know.

November 11 Annual Harvest Dinner, Hamden, NY doors open at 11:00

Linda Schott and Donna Freeland will be setting up a booth with items from the store at Sullivan Community College for Kite day on Saturday May 5, 2018 from 10-4 at 112 college road Loch Sheldrake, NY

Bridge News:

Blenheim Covered Bridge should be completed in October. President Marshfield will have more information on that when it becomes available. They are ready to move it over the water right now and have a lot of work to do once they get it there.

Arnold and Meg Graton have completed the restoration of Ashokan Covered Bridge. Several Members went to the opening event and it was absolutely beautiful.

A distress call was received from the Old Mill Village in Susquehanna Pennsylvania again. The bridge is in very bad shape. President Marshfield emailed them and has not received anything in return. The bridge was built in 1850 and originally came out of Delaware County, New York. The Graton's have been informed that they are looking for assistance.

Business: President Marshfield sent a letter to a CPA in Kingston on March 12, 2018 about if we had to file a tax return and the process to apply as a 501 c 3. No response has been received yet.

August 20, 2017

Went on the Path through History website and 18 of 32 of our bridges are displayed.

President Marshfield does not know if there would be any interest. Many states have a covered bridge weekend. It is very involved as you need to get the State involved. People would have to man different stations at different places. Donna Freeland thinks if anything you would have to start out as County wide rather than State wide covered bridge weekend. Not a lot of interest was shown on participating in setting up a Covered Bridge weekend.

Donna Freeland stated that they have to have a meeting three different times in January and February to try to work on the Hyde Hall Covered Bridge display and it was snowed out every time. The group finally did have a meeting that Donna was unable to go to. Trish was there and the gentleman from Hyde hall stated that if the committee comes up with an estimate of what it would cost to set up the display he thinks he has someone that would contribute to it. Trish came up with a basic estimate of what it would cost to set up the display and the guy said he would sponsor the whole set up \$1,800.00. If anyone has any old pictures of Hyde hall please let Donna know to add to the collection.

President Marshfield got prices from a local organization for the banners. The company can get them in either 2 x 6 foot for (\$35.76) or 3 x 6 for \$53.64 each. Wayne suggested that the banner say: New York State Covered Bridge Society. To help maintain and preserve our state covered bridges - with our website and our emblem on it along with green lettering and a yellow background. He has not ordered them in case someone else had something better to offer. A motion was made to order 2 - 2 x 6 foot banners and passed.

Brochure holders are available if needed

Last year we had a booth set up at Van Tran Flat Covered bridge for Columbus Day weekend for the Path through History. They are having the event again this year and it was suggested that we have it at Hyde Hall. Donna Wayne and Linda will probably be there for sure with the display and some of the store items. A motion was made for this to be held at Hyde Hall on October 6th and passed.

You will only get the special rate for the National/NY Society safari if you book the hotel room for three nights.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m. A brief PowerPoint presentation was displayed on the 2017 Safari, updated photos on Blenheim Bridge, and the completion of Ashokan Covered Bridge.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
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