



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES July 8, 2018 Van Tran Covered Bridge Livingston Manor, NY

There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

June 10, 2018 meeting minutes and treasurers report were read and approved

Upcoming meetings:

August 12 – NY Power Authority Visitor Center, Blenheim, NY meeting at 1:00, Guest speaker Rebecca Andre on Blenheim reconstruction

September 21-24 Safari with the National Society and NYSCBS in Ashtabula County, Ohio

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

Guest speaker and town historian Joyce Conrow gave an amazing speech about the area covered bridges. She brought a lot of pictures for the society to keep. In this particular area there were a lot of covered bridges because people were tired of being drowned. People needed a way to get their horses and wagons across the river when they were flooded. They put a cover on the bridge because wood rots and the roof would preserve the bridge. There is a lot more discussion on why they built covered bridges being that horses and oxen did not like to cross running water and would bolt. The bridges enclosure would make them feel safe as if they were in their own barn.

Business:

- We spoke last meeting about donating towards the National Safari. President Marshfield looked into the charter and couldn't find too much. Section 4 states expenses of the safari leader planning or coordinating to be paid by the society. A suggestion was made to donate \$250.00 to the National Safari towards the planning and coordination of the safari and was passed and carried
- Fire retardant grant continues and there has not been any takers yet
- Brochure holders are still available
- Hyde Hall Mansion display has been set up. Bill, Jenn Caswell and Trish Kane were there for the opening. It will be on display until October.
- Path through History will be at Hyde Hall October 6-8, 2018
- 501c3 application and fee has been submitted. There are no more fees for IRS. A post card return will need to be filed each year
- Windfall Films in London has been filming the reconstruction of Blenheim. They are interested in doing a short scene at Hyde Hall Covered Bridge with Stan Graton and Ron Knapp

August 20, 2017

- Quilt raffle tickets available for Theodore Burr Society it is a queen size quilt in honor of their 60th anniversary it depicts 60 embroidered covered bridges from Pennsylvania 3 tickets for \$5.00 or \$2.00 each
- Nominating Committee Linda, Stephanie and Anita. We are in definite need of a treasurer.
- Linda has found that there are hats available to be made up with our logo if anyone is interested before Linda looks into details. There seemed to be interest. Linda will look into the details. Linda has found that there are little flash drives that hold 8 mg. Linda can have them made up with our logo and the history of 50 years on the drive.

Bridge News: Bleinheim Covered Bridge is done. Old Mill Village is seeking help no new information has been received.

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