



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES November 11, 2018 Hamden Community Hall Hamden, NY 13782

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:28 P.M. with 35 members and 2 guests present.

A recap of 2018 meeting attendance

April 8 meeting was held at the Spaghetti Warehouse with 31 members and 2 guests. June 10 was held at Van Tran with 17 members and 1 guest, July 8th at Newfield with 15 members and 1 guest, August 12 at Blenheim NYPA with 17 members and 4 guests, September 22-24 Ashtabula, Ohio safari with the National Society 17 members and November 11 Hamden Turkey dinner and annual meeting with 35 members and 2 guests. A total of 132 members and 10 guests attended the meetings for the year.

2018 Event Recap

- In March the grand reopening of Ashokan Covered Bridge was attended by many members with Arnold, Meg Graton and family. A nice day was had by all
- Linda and Donna set up a booth at Sullivan Community College for Kite day in May
- 18 of 32 Bridges were listed on the NYS Path through history website
- In June the path through history and Columbus Day weekend was held at Hyde Hall with Bob and Trish Kane in attendance.
- Fire Retardant Grant program was set up with no takers to date. The National Society has the same grant and no applications have been submitted through them either.
- Brochure holders have been distributed at Hamden CB, Frontenac, Downsville and Newfield
- The Society has filed for 501 c 3 status – President Marshfield expects a response by the end of January 2019. The agency wanted 6 months to look over the application
- Ulster County Heritage weekend was held at Perrine's in October with Donna Freeland, Ron Knapp, and Linda Schott in attendance
- A Conflict of Interest Policy was developed, approved and all officers have signed
- Windfall Films of London filmed "Operation Bridge Rescue" on Nova PBS in October. It is available on DVD in November. Anyone interested can pre-order through PBS and they are expected to ship December 4th. Stephanie, Karen and Wayne Marshfield attended Blenheim's filming in August.
- Hyde hall display was set up by the Kane's with help from Donna Freeland and Bill Caswell. There was not much attendance.
- Signage requested through Path through history and accepted for Jay, Buskirk, Copeland, Eagleville, Sushan, Fitches, Downsville, Hamden, Halls Mills, Beaverkill, Newfield and Salisbury. (Some signs have been installed at Van Tran and Fitches).

- A joint safari was held in September with the National Society. A good time was had by all!

Meeting Schedule for 2019

- April 7, 2019 – Spaghetti Warehouse with a PowerPoint on European Tour by Karen and Wayne Marshfield
- Saturday, June 8, 2019 – Blenheim grand opening – exact meeting location to be determined
- July 14, 2019 – Hyde Hall Mansion information center and Hyde Hall Covered Bridge display to be held at the upper level.
- August 11, 2019 – either Grooms Tavern or Pember Museum of Natural History in Washington County. Society will be informed of exact location
- September 7-8 – Safari in Grafton, Merrimack Co NH and Windsor Co. VT – 2020 will be in Perry Co. Pennsylvania
- November 10, 2019 Annual Meeting and dinner with Christmas card exchange at Hamden Community Hall

Election of 2019 Officers

Wayne Marshfield – President
Gretchen Bronke, First Vice President
Alice Bader, Second Vice President
Carol Fortin, Treasurer
Stephanie Marshfield – Recording Secretary
Marcia Bailey – Corresponding Secretary
Camille Bach – Trustee

Reid Bader was recognized for his 10 years of service as Treasurer with a plaque and pen.

Bridge News:

- 2019 National Society Safari will be held in New Brunswick July 26 – July 28, 2019 with approximately 20 bridges planned
- A joint letter from the National Society and New York State Society is being planned to be drawn up on Halls Mills.
- Blenheim Covered Bridge Grand Opening Ceremony is being held June 8, 2019
- Honey Run Covered Bridge in Paradise California was burned down with the whole town due to the Campfire. 25 lives were claimed
- Dave and Carol Frantz went to Connecticut in September and found West Cornwall Covered Bridge under restoration

Other News

Karen needs news items by December 1st for the courier
The process of updating the website descriptions and adding Blenheim Covered Bridge will take place
We are thinking about adding items for sale through the store onto our website and newsletter
New Brochures will be ordered including Blenheim once the current ones are used up

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
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