



## NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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### MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2019

Hyde Hall Kent Administrative Center  
Cooperstown, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:03 P.M. with 11 members present.

April 7, 2019 and June 9, 2019 meeting minutes were read and approved

June 30, 2019 Treasurers report was read and approved

The meeting schedule for 2019 is as follows:

**August 11, 2019** - Granville, NY - Slate Valley Museum, 17 water Street. Open at 11 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m. Museum driving tours of slate are available by donation. Thank you Marcia for setting this up.

**September 6-8, 2019** – Safari – Base of operation will be at Comfort Inn 56 Ralph Lehman Drive, White River Junction, Vermont. For reservations call 802-295-3051 and mention you are a member of the NYS Covered Bridge Society. The room rate is \$89.00 plus tax (approximately \$8.90) per night for single or double. No smoking in the rooms. Those wishing to stay Sunday may do so at the same rate. A block of rooms have been reserved until August 1, 2019 (cut-off date). Cancellation of a reservation must be made the day before arrival. Free Wi-Fi, salt water pool, fitness center and continental breakfast is included. 23 bridges are planned in the safari.

**November 10, 2019** – Hamden, NY, Annual Meeting, Turkey dinner and Christmas Card Exchange. Hamden Community Hall, 35806 State Route 10. Open at 11 a.m. and meeting at 1 p.m. \$15.00 per person for dinner.

#### Bridge News:

Blenheim Covered Bridge celebration made \$146.00 in store sales and \$11.00 in donations

Knowlton Covered Bridge collapsed in Ohio there was insurance on the bridge so hoping for good news in the future.

Lincoln Covered Bridge in Vermont was ravaged by a large truck Karen stated that it looks like the majority of damage was to the roof support. Depending on whether or not they get it fixed by the safari this may or may not be on the schedule

**News of members:** Linda Schott and Carol Frantz could use our thoughts and prayers. Marcia brought get well cards for Linda and Carol to be signed by members to let them know we are thinking about them

**Business:**

July 25 – 28, 2019 is the National Society Safari in New Brunswick, Canada \$97 per night, plus \$12 per person in the room, plus tax. Transportation will be \$60 per person. More details will come from Bill Caswell. Reserve by June 25<sup>th</sup>. We will need a passport or enhanced driver's license to get into Canada.

501 (c) 3 update from the Federal and State government has been received. Our treasurer Carol Fortin has the duplicate information.

Sales tax exempt documentation has been updated. Treasurer Carol Fortin has the duplicate information and will give a copy to Linda Schott for the store.

New brochures will be needed by the end of the year to include Blenheim.

The donation of \$100 to Shushan Museum in David Mcnitt's name has been completed

Items for sale have been posted on the website and we have been selling stuff moderately according to Linda Schott.

As mentioned in the last meeting minutes Carol Fortin placed the \$20,000 into a CD gaining 2.25% interest for 11 months instead of the .05% we were getting before.

Path Thru History signage is being completed. Fitches, Downsville, Hamden and Van Tran have been completed. Newfield covered bridge signage has not been completed yet. It is unknown if any others have been done at this time.

Is there any interest in creating an Educational brochure to go along with our mission?

President Marshfield brought up the suggestion of changing our meeting quorum from 9 to 7 members. This is due to having difficulties meeting the quorum at some meetings especially when important decisions are necessary to be made as soon as possible. The national Society quorum is 5, the Theodore Burr quorum is 15, Vermont's quorum is 7 however they only do business at their executive meeting, Ohio has no quorum and only does business at their annual meeting, and the Indiana society has no quorum. A motion was made and approved to start the process of reducing the society quorum.

There remain a total of 24 members that paid in 2018 that have not renewed for 2019. Carol will send out a final reminder to those members seeking payment.

Next years (2020) April meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month the 19<sup>th</sup> due to Palm Sunday and Easter.

Carol Fortin looked into getting a credit/debit card for Linda Schott and herself to allow for purchases. There would be a \$1,000 limit with no monthly cost providing we pay our bill. Motion was made and approved

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm

7 members joined a tour of the Hyde Hall Mansion.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield  
NYSCBS Recording Secretary