



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2017

Myers Garden

Spencer, NY

President Marshfield welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. with 19 members and guests present.

President Marshfield suggested the purchase of outdoor brochure holders to allow the society to place brochures near our covered bridges. A motion was placed and passed allowing the purchase of 2 holders to see how they will hold up before it is decided whether or not the society should purchase more.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 9 – Ross Park Zoo, Binghamton, NY lunch at 11:30 meeting at 12:30

August 20 – Old Stone Fort, Schoharie, NY Stone Museum Badgley Building from 11-3 Meeting at 12:30pm. The change in date was voted on to allow the meeting to be held on the third Sunday in August.

September 15-17 – Safari, Bedford and Somerset Counties PA. Tentatively looking into staying at **Travelodge Bedford. Will be meeting Friday Night at 7 p.m. for a short meeting to discuss Saturday.** (16th) Saturday the group should see around 10 bridges, 1 romantic shelter, decorative barns, 2 historic viaducts, group picture, and a treat with gravity hill (around 100 miles)

(17th) Sunday the group should see around 6 more bridges, picnic at Kings bridge, and close with a visit to Flight 93 (Around 80 miles). More up to date information will be available in the newsletter.

November 12 – Annual Harvest Dinner, Hamden, NY doors open at 11:00

National Society Annual Safari is being held August 25-28 in Oregon. A few of our very own are participating.

The NYS Path through History Weekend- Columbus Day Weekend October 7-9. You have to pick a location to do an online application. The State determines if there is any historic significance and puts out information to advertise your event. It should be held at one of the bridges already accepted on the website. Donna offered to work with it and look into possibly setting up something at Van Tran Flat Covered Bridge. A motion was made to participate in the Path through History Weekend at Van Tran Flat. More bridges have been accepted through the Path through History. President Marshfield is awaiting more information and details.

All website information updates and corrections should go through Alice or Wayne.

Donna has bought bankers boxes to try to separate items in the storage facility by county. She has a year to get it down to a 10 x 5 facility and should reduce the price almost by half.

Donna Freeland estimated that there are 300 old brochures and approximately 100 new brochures left. Karen Marshfield will look into getting an estimate from Decker Advertising for 2500 brochures.

Bridge News:

- Ashokan Turnwood should be completed by the Graton's by the end of the year. President Marshfield will look into setting up a date for the Society to visit with Ashokan Center in the fall.
- Bleinheim Covered Bridge: Abutments are scheduled to be removed and new ones installed. The structure is slated to be built by the end of the year with sidewalks, fences, railings and landscaping in 2018. It is slated to cost about \$8 Million.
- Downsville Covered Bridge is still closed to traffic until the Route 30 Bridge is repaired.

News of Members:

Doug Smith passed away after battling a severe case of pneumonia. Peg Mills' memorial service was well attended.

President Marshfield did a small presentation on the idea of the society offering a \$500 grant towards fire retardant installation on a historic or authentic New York State Covered Bridge. This would be similar to the National's program. There was a general consensus from the group present that this would be in line of our mission and be of interest to pursue. He offered to look further into this and bring to the next meeting a draft application and more information for a possible action to be made.

A nominating committee was discussed as the society needs one for the upcoming term. The committee works together to bring forth nominations at the November meeting for any vacant positions or those that have reached their term in office. The new nominating committee consists of Alice Bader as Chair, Linda Schott and Stephanie Marshfield.

Linda Schott suggested setting up a table at the county wide sale in her town. This would allow her to display and sell items from the store. A motion was placed and passed to cover up to \$25.00 for the table fee.

After the meeting was closed Wayne Myers did a phenomenal tour of his prized possessions throughout Myers Gardens.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
NYSCBS Recording Secretary