



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES June 10, 2018 Newfield Masonic Lodge Newfield, NY

There were 17 members and 1 guest present.

Upcoming meetings:

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

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 NSPCB and NYSCBS in Ashtabula County, Ohio

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

Business:

- Fire Retardant Grant Program continues – As of today there have been no applications have been filed
- Brochure holders are available. Only four have been placed at Hamden, Frontenac, Downsville and Newfield
- Path Thru History weekend will be June 16-17 at Hyde Hall. Trish, Bob, Donna and Bill Caswell will be there. This weekend will mark the grand opening of the new display.
- 2 Banners have been received and look amazing
- President Marshfield has finally has gotten the application for the 501C3 status and there is a \$600 IRS fee to go with filing the application. The 501C3 allows the society to apply for grants, and if anyone wishes to donate to the society they may be able to take it as a tax deduction. . President Marshfield will inquire if this fee is a one-time payment and if there is any yearly fees associated with the 501C3 status. A motion was made and passed to allow for the \$600.00 fee as long as it is a one-time payment and there are no yearly fees associated with being a 501c3.
- A conflict of Interest Policy needs to be put together and signed by all position holders even if we decide to not get the 501C3 status. A motion was made and passed to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy.
- Donna has a call in to the town historian for July's picnic at Van Tran to confirm. Everyone bring your own dish. Picnic will be at 11:00 with meeting to start around 1:00.
- Windfall Films in London, Filming reconstruction of Bleinheim Covered Bridge. They are interested in doing a short scent at Hyde Hall Covered Bridge with Stan Graton and Ron Knapp.
- President Marshfield wants to thank Jane and Clay Converse as well as Don Daly for setting up today's meeting place. It was great.

- We need a nominating committee for next month's meeting according to our Bylaws. We need three people to head the committee. Stephanie Marshfield, Linda Schott (heading) and Anita Baldwin have agreed to be on the nominating committee.
- The National Society is looking for individuals to ride the bus at the safari. They have downgraded to a 14 passenger bus that is going to cost them \$1,070.00 for the two days (Saturday/Sunday). It would be \$85 per person to ride the bus for two days. Bill Caswell is trying to get the Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce to donate to lessen the cost. President Marshfield suggested to Bill if it would be okay if the New York State Society donated some money to help defray the cost. This is a joint National/New York State safari and our society has not contributed towards the event at all. President Marshfield suggested helping by donating towards the cost of transportation. The society normally pays towards the set-up of the safari which is in the bylaws. Generally the members agreed that \$200 - \$250 would be reasonable. President Marshfield will look into it further for action in July.

Bridge News: The Conservationist magazine has the Beaverkill Covered Bridge on the front page. Blenheim Covered bridge is completed. President Marshfield has not heard any news on when the grand opening is going to be. He has written to the Supervisor of Blenheim and has not heard anything, however have stopped and talked to Stan Gratton a couple times and the plan is to be completely out by October. The Old Mill Village in Susquehanna County, PA sent out a distress call for help. Originally the bridge came out of the Cannonsville NY area. An email was returned to the Old Mill Village and no response has been received. There is a gate across Halls Mills Covered bridge because Sullivan County decided that the bridge has not been inspected so it will not be open to the public. Since the railings have been completed with assistance from our society they have decreed that they would have nothing further to do with the upkeep of the bridge. They are saying they will not pay for the inspection and have no one to do inspection. The town of Neversink is trying to find ways to resolve the current situation.

Other news: Linda and Donna made \$44.00 at Kite day in Sullivan County. It did not cost anything for them to be there. They had a lot of people stop by and get information and brochures.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
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