



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2019

Blenheim Gilboa Power Authority Visitor Center
North Blenheim, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:06 P.M. with 7 members and 1 guest present.

The meeting schedule for 2019 is as follows:

July 14, 2019 – Cooperstown, NY – Hyde Hall Mansion information center and Hyde Hall CB display area. Open at 11 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m. Mansion tours available at \$10.00 per person. Refreshments available.

August 11, 2019 - Granville, NY - Slate Valley Museum, 17 water Street. Open at 11 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m. Museum tours available.

September 7 and 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 Exchanges. 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:

June 29, 2019 will be the Blenheim Covered Bridge grand opening celebration. There will be speakers from 11 a.m. to 12:30. There will be vendors, music, exhibits and eateries with activities ending around 4:30 p.m.

News of members: Linda Schott and Carol Frantz could use our thoughts and prayers.

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. Contact Bill Caswell for more details. Reserve by June 25th. One will need a passport or enhanced driver's license to get into Canada.

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

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 well.

Newsletter articles are needed by the end of the Month. It has been mentioned on having the Newsletter every 4 months to allow it to be closer to event dates such as the Spaghetti Warehouse meeting and our Annual Meeting in November. This will be discussed again.

President Marshfield stated that we have a Key Silver Money Market Savings Account with over \$34,000 in it that gets an Annual Yield of 0.05%. In 2018 we made \$17.33 in interest which is obviously not a lot of interest earned. Carol Fortin went to Key bank to see how we could get a better rate of interest. Key bank suggested that if we put \$10,000 or more in a CD for 11 months that we can get 2.25% yield. President Marshfield suggested that we put \$20,000 of our \$34,000 in such a CD leaving the agency with \$14,000 to use if needed. Our bylaws allow the Treasurer to handle our funds with the best interest of the society in mind. Carol Fortin will complete the transfer into the CD so that the society can earn better interest on money in the bank.

President Marshfield suggested that we have an education brochure made so that it goes along with our mission. Our mission states that we are an educational society. This brochure does not have to change frequently. An idea of information is Truss types, why covered bridges were originally made, how they are made etc. This will be discussed again.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm

Free tours of the Lansing Manor were enjoyed by all.

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
NYSCBS Recording Secretary