



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2019

Slate Valley Museum

Granville, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:07 P.M. with 17 members present and self-introductions were made

July 2019 treasurers report was read and approved

July 14, 2019 meeting minutes were read and approved (Steph, Clay)

The meeting schedule for the rest of 2019 is as follows:

September 6-8, 2019 – Safari – Grafton, Merrimack, and Sullivan Counties NH, and Windsor County, VT. Base of operation White River Junction, Comfort Inn. Lots of bridges and sites to see.

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:

A tractor trailer attempted to cross Mt. Orne Covered Bridge in NH/VT via GPS guidance. After seeing the bridge he went into it anyways. It is now safe to travel after the debris was cleared.

The Covered Bridge Museum in Bennington Vermont is closed. Southern Vermont College used to run it and the college officially closed, so the museum has been closed also since June 2019.

People are partying at the Eagleville Covered Bridge. They are having bonfires near it and an extremely large amount of traffic. The bridge cannot handle all the traffic that goes through it on a daily basis.

Fitches Bridge has been dealing with an extreme amount of traffic during The Taste of the Catskills event in October of each year.

News of members: Donna Freeland mentioned that Linda Schott was hospitalized again due to adhesions on her intestines

Business:

501 (c) 3 status is complete

Plans are to have new brochures by the end of the year to include Blenheim

Logo items are for sale on the Website. Linda has been finding out postage costs for those ordering and wishing to have their items mailed. Mugs are the newest item and are \$10.00 each. The remote drive has been reduced to \$15.00.

November dinner reservation forms are located in the July newsletter. That is one reason why the newsletter was pushed up a month to allow for reservation request to be received timely and one month closer to the annual meeting.

It was reported in the president's column that the newsletter would be published in April, July and December, but it is actually March, July and December. March for the April meeting, July for the November dinner and December will have the annual meeting information.

Path through History signs are being done. If anyone knows of a Covered bridge that has a path through history sign please let President Marshfield know. We are going to push to get the signage completed.

There is not a lot of response on the proposed education brochure on our bridges. The brochure would go along with our mission as we are listed as an educational society. Donna inquired about how big this brochure would be. President Marshfield said he hopes for not much bigger than our current brochures.

We discussed in June changing the meeting quorum decreasing it from 9 to 7. One of the prerequisites and in accordance to our bylaws was to advertise it in the newsletter. The advertising has been done and we will vote on the change in November. It was asked if we considered having it be something as simple as majority plus one?

Non-paid members are down to 13. Carol has worked very hard on the membership dues.

Flags have been purchased for the vehicle windows for the safari

Stephanie is willing to chair the nominating committee. We need two more members to be on the committee. Alice no longer wants to be second VP or trustee. We have not heard from Gretchen yet as to whether she wants to continue another year as first VP. Donna Freeland and Victor Iwanow volunteered to be on the committee with Stephanie.

Donna brought in an item to raffle today but Sharon Dunn offered to donate \$25.00 and offer it the Shushan Museum. A motion was made and approved to accept the donation for such purpose.

A get well card was signed and will be sent to Linda Schott.

A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield
NYSCBS Recording Secretary