



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2021

Virtual

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with 17 members present.

First thing President Marshfield would like to do is thank Clay Converse for all of his hard work in getting this virtual meeting together for us.

Attendance of participants were verified.

November 8, 2020 meeting minutes were read and approved

The year to date as of April 30, 2021 Treasurers report were read and approved. A question arose about the high cost of the storage unit. Actually the unit used to cost more, but several years ago, we had downsized and our goal is to eventually down size further.

Meeting Schedule for 2021

Discussion was made on our upcoming meetings and it was decided to continue as planned to have an in person meeting at Boonville on Saturday July 17th at 1 pm, in the form of a picnic. An in person meeting on September 12th at 1 pm at Groom's Tavern was also preferred with social distancing.

The executive committee has the right to change the meetings to virtual if Covid-19 is then more of a threat. The membership will be notified at least 2 weeks in advance of any change by newsletter and website.

Business:

A nice thank you note was read by President Marshfield from the owners of the Americana Covered Bridge.

President Marshfield presented the idea of updating our website so that we would be able to offer online PayPal or credit cards for donations and online memberships. PayPal would have a 2.2% service charge plus a 30 cent transaction fee. The recommendation was to increase on-line memberships by \$1.00. The National Society actually uses it for store sales, but for now, we aren't looking for that. The cost of upgrading our website to accommodate online memberships and donations would be approximately \$150 and IB Designs our web host would do the work for us. Those present had no objection and a motion was made and all approved.

President Marshfield brought up the possibility of someone entering a historic covered bridge in the State Path through History weekend on June 19-20 and/or October 9-11. Ron Knapp offered to enter Perrine's Covered Bridge into the October event. Wayne will forward Ron the information on it, so he can get it registered in time for October.

President Marshfield offered an alternative to our planned Pennsylvania Safari. He offered a one day safari in Delaware, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties, NY. Recommended bridges to see are Downsville, Hamden, Fitches, Forge, Tappan Kittle, Mill Brook, Beaverkill and possibly Lower Shavertown, Erph, Tuscarora, or Van Tran. It would be a one day event on Saturday, August 7th. Times and starting point will be revealed as soon as some planning is done by Karen and Wayne Marshfield. The event particulars will be sent to members via email and put on our website. All approved.

News of Members and Bridges:

Gretchen said that Historian Trish K. had sent her some hand written cards and notes and that she (Gretchen) typed them up and resent to Trish. Gretchen enjoyed doing it and hopes for more.

Gretchen also indicated that she moved from Pennsylvania to Maryland, but only 12 miles away from her former PA. home.

Ron Knapp informed the group that the interview he did with PBS on Perrine's CB will be aired sometime this fall and he will let Wayne know, so he can broadcast it to our members. Ron also indicated that his research of the Wallkill River Valley showed that maybe Perrine's construction date may be around 1820. Linda S. was a great help in supplying information to him. The Building Heritage will be online and in print sometime this summer, and again Ron will let Wayne know for informing the members.

Last but not least Wayne informed the group that Karen had back surgery on May 7th at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton and is currently a patient at O'Connor Hospital in Delhi, there for pain management and therapy.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Marshfield