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MEETING MINUTES April 24, 2022 Spaghetti Warehouse, Syracuse, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:03 p.m. with 18 members and 3 guests present.

We had welcome and introductions of members and guests, noting that 2 members were unable to make the dinner/meeting due to Covid illnesses. We had a 50/50 drawing and raffles netting around \$259.

November 14, 2022 meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report was read by Carol Fortin and was approved.

Meeting Schedule for 2022:

May 22: Klynne Esopus Museum in Ulster Cty	September 11: Virtual Meeting
July 10: Smithville, NY Firehall – Jefferson Cty	November 13: Annual meeting and Harvest
August 6-7: Safari in Perry Cty, PA	dinner with bake sale, Hamden, NY

*The executive committee is allowed to change the meetings to virtual if we are still dealing with Covid-19. The membership will be notified at least 2 weeks in advance by the newsletter and the website.

Business:

Americana Covered Bridge: No update or new information. Members were encouraged to relay any information they may come upon regarding its current condition especially with the roof.

Website Donation Button: It was voted to remove the Valentine Bake-less Cake Sale website donation button and replace it with donations for Ukrainian Children through either UNICEF Ukraine or World Central Kitchen for Ukraine whichever benefits the children of Ukraine. For now, we will leave the donate button on our website for the Americana Covered Bridge, but be thinking about a replacement for that to be decided at our May meeting.

The **Covered Bridge Summit** in Oxford, NY will be held June 10-12. If any of our executive board member are interested in attending, please let Wayne know.

The **National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridge (NSPCB) Tour** will be in Georgia and Alabama, from September 23 – 25. If you are interested in participating, please let President Marshfield know and he will have your contact information sent to Bill Caswell so you may put them on an email list for updates on the event.

President Marshfield received *two mix tile* pieces displaying **John Fleming Gould** art work. They were available to bid on through the raffle. President Marshfield spoke briefly about Mr. John Fleming Gould and his artwork.

President Marshfield has been in communication with **Marvin Bubie**, an author of an interesting book of signage from different areas that exhibit their covered bridge. A draft copy was put on display (not for sale) for the participants to view.

National Historic Marker Day is April 29th and the Pomeroy Foundation promotes this special day each year. It is proposed that you adopt a historic marker and clean it up. So many markers are neglected for years, while some communities take special care in keeping them nice.

Single lifetime memberships were discussed at length and it was decided to increase them by \$25, to a one-time fee of \$225 instead of the current \$200 and the new online cost at \$235. The website, newsletter and brochure will be changed accordingly.

As previously reported, a **new covered bridge** has been built in **Cowelsville, NY in Wyoming County**. Gary Beckstead shared pictures of the new bridge which is just about completed and looks very nice. It is questionable whether the bridge has an authentic truss. At one time Wyoming County had six covered bridges the last one burned down in 1966. Wayne sent 100 brochures to the Supervisor of the Town of Bennington for distribution.

Path Through History weekend is scheduled for October 8-10. Ron Knapp is interested in promoting the NYSCBS through Perrine's Covered Bridge. Wayne and Linda S. will be helping. Any others that may be interested, let Wayne or Linda know. Wayne will register Perrine's for that weekend in the Path Through History. We will bring store items, brochures and the display board we have.

There will be an opportunity to join in the festivities of the **Hyde Hall CB Block Party** on May 28th. Presently, there didn't appear to be any interest from the group in attendance.

The Pomeroy Foundation has a grant program for the purchase and installation of **historic markers** with a limit of 5 per application. It was discussed and decided to participate for only the existing covered bridges and maybe another year for bridges of the past. Perrine's and Hall's Mills were recommendations with a possible 3 more. Please contact President Marshfield for the suggestions of other covered bridges that need historic markers, ones that preferably do not have Path Through History markers displayed or the yellow and blue cast iron sign. In May we can add to the list and apply by August for a grant, since we are a 501 c 3. Trish Kane, Wayne, Vic Iwanow and Clay Converse volunteered for a committee to work on this, preferably by Zoom.

Our next meeting at Klyne Esopus (1829 Dutch Church) was discussed and directions given for attendance.

President Marshfield will be doing a covered bridge presentation on July 19th for the Delhi Historical Society.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

A short **PowerPoint presentation** was shown of interesting sites and a few covered bridges seen or existing in those countries from Wayne and Karen's trip to Austria, Switzerland and Germany (2018). One they quite enjoyed was of the Chapel or Kapellbrucke Covered Bridge (footbridge) in Lucerne, Switzerland built in the seventeenth century.

Submitted by Karen Marshfield
NYSCBS Recording Secretary