



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2022

Smithville Fire Hall

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with 9 members present and two guests.

May 22nd meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report for July to date was read by Carol Fortin and was approved.

Meeting Schedule for 2022:

August 6-7, 2022 – Perry Cty. PA Safari

September 11, Virtual Meeting with Ron Knapp as Guest Speaker

November 13, Dinner/Meeting/Card Exchange/Bake Sale

Business:

Website Donation Button: Approval in designating the blank donate button on the website to a donate button exclusively for the Theodore Burr Resource Center in Oxford, NY. This would be for the Center to use as it wishes for intern labor, etc.

The **Covered Bridge Summit** in Oxford, NY was held June 10-12 in Oxford, NY with 5 different covered bridge societies attending. Marshfield, Iwanow, and Converse attended on behalf of our Society. There was very worthwhile and interesting speakers for two days, with us coming away with new ideas and information to make us a better organization. Even with that, all of our societies have the same issue of attracting younger members to meetings. The future may hold for more virtual meetings instead.

The **National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridge (NSPCB) Tour** will be a one-day event in Lyndon, Vermont this year, Details are yet to come from NSPCB. The National has developed a nice Introductory Guide to Covered Bridges mainly for the new members, but President Marshfield thinks it would a great document for most members. Currently there is a draft out, and the final copy should be available in the very near future.

As previously reported, a new covered bridge **Cannon Covered Bridge** has been built in **Cowelsville, NY in Wyoming County**. It has received a bridge number from the National Society and the bridge officially has a Pratt Variant truss, 135 feet long. It will be listed in our brochure as soon as we use our old supply of brochures up.

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 on Saturday, along with Ron Knapp. The date is registered on the Path website. We will bring store items, brochures and the display board.

The Pomeroy Foundation has a grant program for the purchase and installation of **historic markers** with a limit of 5 per application per year. Trish Kane, Wayne, Vic Iwanow and Clay Converse are working as a committee to gather an inventory of the current status of the signage at our historic bridges. That information has been gathered on Hamden, Fitch's, Downsville, Van Tran, Beaverkill, Hall's Mills, and Mill Brook. We need pictures yet on Jay, Buskirk, Salisbury Center, Rexleigh, Eagleville, Newfield and Shushan.

Perry County PA, Covered Bridge Safari planning is coming along fine we thought, until we found out that the room rate was per day and not for the two days. The rooming accommodations will be at the Days Inn by Wyndham Carlisle North, 1255 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA 17013 Tel. 717-243-6000.

daysinn Carlislepa@gmail.com A block of rooms have been set aside in the name of New York Covered Bridge Society at \$120 per night, plus taxes. They seem to have a nice breakfast, and the facility is clean, with a nice restaurant next door for dinner Saturday evening. The dinner will be \$20 and a buffet, offering many delicious items. The motel is 15-20 minutes from our actual covered bridge sites.

We sold two 2021 World Guides and have two more available at \$15 each, without any shipping costs.

A nominations committee needs to be set up this month, and with no takers in the group, President Marshfield will attempt to select a voluntary 3-member committee.

News of Members: Marcia Baily is struggling with health issues and needs our thoughts and prayers.

Being no other business, the **meeting was adjourned** at 1:55 pm.

Submitted by Karen Marshfield
NYSCBS Recording Secretary

Gary Beckstead gave a very nice and interesting slide presentation of his visits to almost every state and province in Canada. We then visited Gary's Bridge and had a grand tour of it. Thank you, Gary!!