

NYS Covered Bridge Society Annual Meeting on November 13, 2022

Hamden Community Hall, Hamden, NY

President Marshfield called the meeting to order at 1:50 pm, after 50/50 and raffles.

The minutes of September 11, 2022 Meeting minutes were read by Secretary Karen Marshfield and approved.

The YTD Treasurers Report was handed out and presented by Carol Fortin and approved.

2023 Proposed Meetings

April 16: Spaghetti Warehouse, and Bake Sale, Syracuse

June 11: Canal Town Museum - Canastota - Madison Co.

July 9: Town of Bennington, Wyoming Co. - Cannon Covered Bridge

August -12 and 13: Safari, Columbia County, PA

September 10: Virtual

November 12: Annual Meeting, Christmas Card Exchange & Bake Sale, Hamden

A resolution approved this as our 2023 meeting schedule, with a possible change to a virtual meeting replacement if approved by the Executive Board. The membership will be notified two-weeks in advance by newsletter and website. The schedule was approved.

Proposed 2023 Officer Nominations:

Wayne Marshfield - President

Clay Converse - 1st Vice President

Victor Iwanow - 2nd Vice President

Carol Fortin - Treasurer

Recording Secretary - Karen Marshfield

Corresponding Secretary - Marcia Bailey

Trustees:

Camille Bach (2019 - 2023)

Karen Marshfield (2021 - 2024)

Linda Schott (2021 - 2025)

Marcia Bailey (2022 - 2026)

Irving Brown (2023 - 2027)

Appointed Positions:

Bridge Historians: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead

Society Records Historian: Linda Schott

Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield

Storekeeper: Linda Schott

The above slate of officers was presented by Linda S. for 2023. Nominations from the Floor were offered and there being none the resolution was approved.

Other Business:

- **Possible speakers were discussed for our September virtual meeting. A. Graton or R. Knapp was suggested for possible speakers.**
- **We are about out of brochures and the new Cannon Covered Bridge will be inserted in our new brochure as an authentic covered bridge.**
- **It was recommended to leave the donate button for Theodore Burr Resource Center on our website and to forward the \$410 collected so far to the Center.**
- **Newsletter deadline for articles - March, July and December**
- **Path through History weekend was at Perrine's Covered Bridge - Oct. 8-10 with Knapp, Schott, L., and President Marshfield present on one of the days.**
- **Historic signage at our bridges was discussed and the membership was informed that we are seeking a grant for historic signs from the Pomeroy Foundation. Trish Kane, Wayne, Vic, and Clay are working on it.**
- **Karen and Wayne have done a couple of covered bridge power point presentations. One at the Historical Society in Delhi with 45 attendees and one at the Retired Educators in Walton with 25 attendees July 19 and October 7th respectively. Notes of thanks were read by a couple attendees and a donation of \$50 and one new membership were received from the presentations.**

- **President Marshfield introduced the Introductory Guide to Covered Bridges to the membership and offered a set of bylaws, 2022 safari booklets and brochures for those wanting them. 100 of the introductory guides were sent to us from the National Society and it is a very impressive document and a wealth of information.**
- **The Covered Bridge Summit in Oxford, NY was held on June 10 and 11 with Vic, Clay and Wayne in attendance. Covered Bridge Societies were present from the National, Indiana, Ohio, and the Theodore Burr Society in Pennsylvania.**
- **Archiving storage facility information was discussed and led by Linda S. She would like to attempt to eliminate the storage locker in Middletown. She believes digitizing much of the information and securing a small fire proof device for the important hard copy documents will be an important step. A few members will get together and help her with sorting.**
- **President Marshfield shared the letters of support sent to the Village of Oxford for a proposed new authentic pedestrian covered bridge and to the Commissioner of NYS Office of Parks Rec & Hist. Pres. sent to Ulster County for a rebuild grant on Perrine's Covered Bridge.**
- **President Marshfield offered a note from Bill Caswell and the National Society to Google and Garmin asking them to offer height and load limit restrictions on their software in hopes of it trying to eliminate the number of large vehicles crossing covered bridges and causing much destruction. So far Garmin or Google didn't seem to share an interest in helping to avert the problem.**
- **News of Members and bridges**
 1. **C. Frantz spoke about the family health situation with our members the Petras's.**
 2. **G. Beckstead spoke about the poor condition of the Old Mill Village Covered Bridge in Susquehanna County, Pa.**

The bridge roof is full of holes and the bridge appears to have had little attention paid to it. The bridge is not listed in the new World Guide and originally came from the Delaware County area in NYS.

- 3. Americana Covered Bridge in Hamilton NY is still in deplorable condition and doesn't seem to be getting much need attention. The NYSCBS funded \$2,000 last year to stabilize the bridge, but other than that not much has been done to improve this private bridge.**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary