



# NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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## MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2023

### Cowelsville Fire Department, Town of Bennington

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with 10 members and 3 guests present.

The June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read by Karen and approved with a motion by David W. and seconded by Bill C.

Treasurers Report of June 2023 was read by Carol and was approved with a motion by Linda S. and second by Alice B.

#### 2023 Remaining Meetings

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

**September 10: Virtual Meeting – 1 pm**

**November 12: Annual Meeting, Christmas Card Exchange/Bake Sale, Hamden – 1 pm**

#### 2023 Officers:

**Wayne Marshfield – President**

**Clay Converse – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

**Victor Iwanow – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

**Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead**

**Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield**

**Storekeeper: Linda Schott**

## **Business:**

- **Greg and Judy Hubert from Maryland gifted the society his grandfather's collection of covered bridge pictures, descriptions, etc. It is all nicely documented and organized. His grandfather, Harley A. Williams loved covered bridges and many of these valuable photo's will be shared with our members in our newsletter over the next several issues.**
- **September Virtual Meeting speaker is still needed and suggestions are welcome. Wayne suggested contacting LaBella Engineering to speak on the new Cannon Covered Bridge.**
- **New Brochures have been made and we now have 2,500 of them. Some were passed out to all.**
- **Susan Swanek is doing a marvelous job in setting up our September safari in Columbia County Pa. We will have a monthly meeting at the Motel 6 and the overnight room pricing is \$75 per night. There will be a July 28th cutoff date for room cancellations. Our Saturday evening dinner will be a catered in dinner of choice. Things are pretty well set for the safari.**
- **Newsletter deadline for articles – March, July and December**
- **We spoke about interest in our Path through History weekends this year for October 7-9. Still no suggestions on the bridge of choice for us to sponsor this year.**
- **Karen and Wayne did a power point presentation on New York State Covered Bridges for Trout Unlimited in Oneonta – June 12<sup>th</sup>. Everything worked out well and there was a great interaction with their members.**
- **National Safari 2023 is September 22-25 in northern Vermont. Karen and Wayne and Chris and Carol are signed up for it.**
- **Wayne reported that there will be a new license plate made with the Hyde Hall Covered Bridge on it. Information was passed out.**
- **No change on downgrading our storage facility as reported by Linda S.**

- **We had a discussion on possible meeting locations for 2024. A couple suggestions were Ashokan Center and a Visitor Center and Museum in Mt. Tremper. Anyone having other suggestions, please contact Wayne.**

There being no other business, Alice introduced our group to Town of Bennington Supervisor Ellen Grant and former DPW Commissioner Todd Gaad. They both spoke on the start to finish process of the Cannon Covered Bridge construction. It was extremely interesting listening to the trials and tribulations they went through. The process started just before Covid and the bridge was built in 2022. After the presentation, Linda S. our storekeeper presented the Town of Bennington President of the Historical Society with a charred trenail or trunnel that was used in the original covered bridge that burnt in the Town of Bennington two months after the NYSCBS was duly formed. They were very appreciative of the gift.

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm with a motion by Linda S. and seconded by Clay C.

We then proceeded to the Cannon Covered Bridge where many pictures were taken on a beautiful day and we were accompanied by Supervisor Grant. A nice time was had by all and a big thank you to Alice Bader for her much appreciated and needed help in organizing things.

Submitted by Karen Marshfield  
NYSCBS Recording Secretary