



NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2023 Virtual Meeting

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. with 18 members and guests present.

The August 12th meeting minutes were read by Karen and approved.

Treasurers Report for August was read by Carol and was approved.

2023 Remaining Meetings

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

2023 Officers:

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:

Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead
Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield
Storekeeper: Linda Schott

Business:

- Updated brochures are available for distribution.
- Newsletter deadline for articles – March, July and December. A reservation form for the dinner in November will be emailed to members and placed on our website.
- Karen and Wayne will be doing a power point presentation on New York State Covered Bridges for the Sidney Historical Society in another month as the one planned for September 16th got postponed.
- Covered Bridge license plate information was discussed with information on how and where to buy the plates.
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- Meeting locations for 2024 were discussed and Wayne thought the June 9th meeting would be at the Edinburgh Historical Society, near the Copeland CB, and July 14th at the Ashokan Center near the Ashokan – Turnwood CB. The August Safari is tentatively figured for Lancaster County, Pa. Further discussion will be held on these dates at our Executive Meeting in November.
- Nominations are pretty well set for 2024 and would be the same as this year. Camille Bach is interested in serving another 5-year term as trustee.
- Wayne explained that he appreciated the help he received from Gloria Smedley on setting up a PayPal/eBay Giving Fund so that about 300 Covered Bridge patches could be sold for the benefit of the Covered Bridge Resource Center in Oxford, NY. The sales will go through the NYSCBS treasury and all funds received will go to the Resource Center.
- News of Members and Bridges were given. Carol Frantz mentioned she and Dave have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. It was reported that Carol and Chris have been to Wisconsin and saw the Cedarburg and Springwater Volunteer Covered Bridges. Clay Converse showed a nice photograph of a Girl Scout Troop doing a Bridging Ceremony recently, at the Hyde Hall Covered Bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm with a motion by Clay and a second by Ron K.

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, NYSCBS Recording Secretary

After our meeting Ron Knapp and Terry Miller were introduced and gave a nice presentation on their recently published book, titled Theodore Burr and The Bridging of Early America. The Man, Fellow Bridge Builders, and Their Forgotten Timber Spans. The book is in excess of 500 pages, with colored photos and other information on types of trusses involved in the Burr bridges, the trials and tribulations of the building of up to 45 of his covered bridges. Theodore Burr died in November of 1822 with very little documentation of his life, his accomplishments and failures. It is a must-read book in both digital format and in hard copy. Digital is \$10 and the hard copy \$58. Proceeds will go to the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges. Thank you so much Terry and Ron for your countless hours of research and for the presentation for us today!