



## **NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY**

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### **NYS Covered Bridge Society Annual Meeting, November 12, 2023**

The meeting started at 1:16 pm with 18 members and one guest present. All enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner.

September 11, 2023 meeting minutes were read by Karen and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and explained by Carol and approved.

#### **2024 Proposed Meetings**

April 14: Spaghetti Warehouse, and Bake Sale, Syracuse

June 9: Ashokan Center – Olivebridge, Ulster County

July 14: Edinburgh Historical Society, Copeland Covered Bridge – Saratoga County

August -10 and 11: Safari, Lancaster County, PA

September 8: Virtual with a guest speaker

November 10: Annual Meeting, Christmas Card Exchange & Bake Sale, Hamden

Resolution was made to approve this as our 2024 meeting schedule.

#### **Proposed 2024 Officer Nominations:**

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:**

Karen Marshfield (2021 – 2024)

Linda Schott (2021 – 2025)

Marcia Bailey (2022 – 2026)

Irving Brown (2023 – 2027)

Camille Bach (2024 - 2028)

**Appointed Positions:**

**Historian: Trish Kane and Gary Beckstead**

**Newsletter/Courier Editor: Karen Marshfield**

**Storekeeper: Linda Schott**

There being no nominations from the floor, the above slate of officers as presented for 2024 was approved.

**Other Business:**

- Virtual Meetings speakers for next September was discussed. Bill Caswell, drone operators Larry Schott and Chris Fortin, and Delhi resident Sally Scrimshaw were suggested.
- Fundraising Ideas were discussed such as the Valentines Day No Bake Cake sale, and Trish Kane's idea of NYS Covered Bridge crossings. The idea of selecting a number of bridges to be viewed in person for first, second and third prizes. Much discussion took place and it was decided to table the idea and discuss further as time allowed, probably for the 2025 year and possibly work it in with the Path Through History weekends. We will revisit in April at our Syracuse meeting. Linda S. also brought up the idea of a motorcycle poker run.
- Newsletter deadline for articles are March, July and December
- Presentations at Historical Societies made by Wayne and Karen, the latest to the Sidney Historical Society in September and it produced lots of interest and they additionally have donated financially to the Society.
- Bylaw changes were discussed, namely eliminating the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position, and lowering the minimum yearly meeting attendances from 3 to 2 for the executive board members. After a discussion it was decided to leave the bylaws as it currently is for another year and see if things change any.

- We discussed the future of our annual Safari and it was decided to possibly try one in eastern New York, Vermont or Southern Vermont, New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts for 2025. Thank you Susan, for your help in 2023 and again for 2024. We look forward to it.
- Linda S. informed the group about our storage facility downsize and relocation. It will save the Society \$80 - \$100 per month. Thank you, Linda and Larry!
- Theodore Burr covered bridge commemorative patches donated to the Oxford Resource Center is working out well. So far about \$325 has gone through the NYSCBS/eBay/PayPal for the Center.
- The new NYS License plate information was handed out for those interested in them.
- Wayne M. shared with the members a letter of support he had written to the Mayor of Oxford for a grant application for several projects in Oxford including a new walking covered bridge.
- Wayne displayed the new book written by Ron Knapp and Terry Miller, Theodore Burr and the Bridging of Early America. Soft cover copy is \$58 and all sales go to the National Covered Bridge Society.
- News of members and bridges – Marcia B. passed around two get well cards, one for the Baldwins and the other for Don Spraker.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 pm. Safe travels for all!

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, Recording Secretary