

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting on April 14, 2024

Opened our Meeting at 1:13 pm by President Wayne Marshfield with 21 members and guests present.

Raffles and 50/50

November 12 Meeting minutes were presented by Karen and approved.

YTD Treasurers Report was given by Carol and approved.

2024 Remaining Meetings

June 9: Theodore Burr Resource Center in Oxford, NY, Chenango County

July 14: Edinburgh, Copeland Covered Bridge – Saratoga County

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

September 8: Virtual with guest speaker Jan Lewandowski

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

2024 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:

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

Business:

- Fundraising Ideas? Anyone having an idea, let Wayne know.
- Newsletter deadline for articles – March, July and December
- Bylaw changes – eliminate 2nd VP, attendances? – a light discussion was held and Wayne asked for ideas on how to gain more interest. It was mentioned that New York State only has about 29 covered bridges state wide that the public can view without special permissions and two of those have an entry fee. Additionally, our state bridges are so scattered throughout the state, some taking a full day just to see one or two. More to come.
- Safari Planning to date and for the future? Wayne and Karen need to go to Lancaster County, Pa. to look at 3 different lodging facilities for August. If attendance is not good this year, we may have to reconsider whether or not to having safaris in the future. A lot of planning goes into a safari for only a few people. More to come.
- Storage facility downsize and relocation. We are saving about \$700-\$800 per year vs. our old facility.
- Theodore Burr commemorative patch dues donated and we have passed through about \$526 to the Resource Center.
- It was moved to remove the Americana Donate Button on our website and move the small amount of collected funds into the general fund.
- Discussion on the need for only one more meeting place in 2025, any ideas, let Wayne know.
- We had a financial plea from the DPW manager for Washington County for roof replacements and painting on Rexleigh, Buskirk and Eagleville Covered Bridges. Wayne requested from James Hogan a price estimate on the updates and has heard nothing as of yet. The membership was not real enthusiastic about this funding from the society as the bridges are typically supported by the local taxbase and they have more opportunities for grant funding applications than do private bridges.
- Oxford Resource Center has asked if we have or could digitize our newsletter dating back to the inception date of the Society. Linda S. says she has digitized the Courier back to 1996 and Karen has electronic versions of the Newsletter for the last ten

years. Otherwise, we have no means of digitizing other documents and if the Resource Center wants them, we will do all we can to help them digitize for their proposed website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Gary Beckstead gave a nice slide presentation on lighthouses, glaciers, landscapes and covered bridges in Canada and western upper USA. Extremely beautiful slides and presentation, thank you Gary!

Submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary