

NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting on July 14, 2024
Edinburg Historical Society

Opened our Meeting at 1:06 pm by President Wayne Marshfield with 9 members present.

June 9, 2024 Meeting minutes were presented by Karen and approved with a motion by Linda I. and second by Vic I.

June 2024 Treasurers Report was given by Carol and approved with a motion by Marcia B. and a second by Linda I.

2024 Remaining Meetings

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:

- Newsletter deadline for articles – March, July and December

- Bylaw changes – A discussion took place on two possible by-law changes. 1) to eliminate the 2nd Vice President position and 2) to change the recommended annual

meeting attendances from 4 to 3 for executive board members. This change would then match the recommended attendances to be the same as for the trustees. After much discussion the recommendation to eliminate the 2nd Vice President position was unanimously approved with a motion by Marcia B. and a second by David W. The second resolution was to change attendances from 4 to 3 for the Executive Board and that too was approved unanimously with a motion by Linda I. and a second by Marcia B. These potential changes will have to be advertised in our July newsletter in order to vote on them at our annual meeting in November.

- Safari Planning is coming along nicely. Karen and Wayne are going to Lancaster County, Pa. again and meet up with Susan. We will firm up the details for the August safari. Already a few e members have signed up. If attendance is not good this year, we may have to reconsider whether or not to having safaris in the future. We spoke about maybe having a safari next year in southern Vermont, New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts? It was also suggested maybe some of our most easterly covered bridges in New York with some Vermont bridges.
- Wayne brought volume one of the Harley Williams collections to the Resource Center in Oxford and it has been scanned and Trish noted that many photos and other information in it are one of a kind! A copy will now be at the Resource Center and a copy will be sent to the National Society. We are planning to exchange volume one for volume 2 in the near future.
- The National Society is having a monthly meeting this year at Perrine's Covered Bridge on July 28th at 1 pm. Members are encouraged to attend. Ron Knapp will be a guest speaker for the meeting.
- The group was in favor of having the covered bridge song written and sung by Mike Holt of Colonie. Mr. Holt suggested it be put on our website as the Executive Board has listened to it, and thought it was very nice and appropriate for our website.
- The Bicentennial celebration at Hyde Hall Covered Bridge and Estate is taking place next year in late September or early October. Volunteers are needed to set on a planning committee. No one seemed to be interested. If anyone should be interested, please contact Wayne.
- Wayne informed the group that he received a letter from the Village of Oxford and invited him to be on a planning committee for the Village's grant application for

various improvements in the Village together with a walk through covered bridge. Wayne will consider only if is a virtual meeting.

- Wayne shared with the group an article he wrote on our covered bridge society for the New York Almanac website. It has been published on the website and should help to promote our Society. Ron Knapp and Terry Miller helped to critique it, thank you.
- News of members were mentioned: Clay Converse is recuperating from back surgery and Marcia will be sending him a note of encouragement.
- Wayne tried to form a nominating committee with no one wanting to be on it. We need to firm up a Vice President and two trustees. One trustee to replace Karen's completed term and one to replace Irving Brown who has not been reachable for over a year. Other officers will need to be asked if they would serve another year. More to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary