

New York State Covered Bridge Society

Ashokan Center Meeting

July 20, 2025

The meeting located in the Pewter building was called to order at 1:15 pm, with 11 members present.

Secretary Karen read the minutes to June 8th and they were approved as read.

The July Treasurers report as prepared by Treasurer Fortin was read by Wayne and approved.

Business:

1. Amendments to the Bylaws:

Article V – Meetings

Section 1 – Society meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of the month.

*Any other date to be approved by the Governing Board and **not less than six meetings per year**. One of these meeting may be a Safari.*

Change to: **not less than four meetings per year**

2. Author Bob Dover will be our virtual speaker for September – he will speak on the State of Maryland 7 remaining covered bridges. A link to the meeting will be sent out by Clay as we get closer to the date.
3. Wayne gave an update on the Joint August Safari in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. So far 40 have signed up and ones wanting to participate have until the 7th of August to sign up and receive the special pricing. There will be a meeting on Friday evening, please try to attend that.
4. October 11th Hyde Hall bicentennial celebration is close to being fully planned. There is lots of great things planned, speakers, presentations, covered bridge replica by Mike Musante, horse and buggy rides, music, food, vendors (including National, NY, Vermont, and Indiana Covered Bridge Societies). Please try to attend.

5. Nominations for 2026 Officers – Linda Schott's 5-year trustee position expires and we need to fill the Executive Board offices again. No one offered to be on the nominations committee.
6. Sale of our Hyde Hall CB mugs are available at \$10 per mug.
7. Newsletter information is needed anytime. The newsletter will be completed within the next couple of weeks.
8. Ron Knapp reported that Perrine's CB has lots of road construction around it, and won't be completed until next year.
9. Linda Schott spoke about our storage units and the cost increases. Going from \$137 to \$153 per month. We spoke about digitizing, but would still have to store the originals. Larry Schott suggested we look into NY Heritage for storing our digitized records.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm

Most went for a walk to the Ashokan-Turnwood Covered Bridge. What a joy!