



## NEW YORK STATE COVERED BRIDGE SOCIETY

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### MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2019

Spaghetti Warehouse

Syracuse, NY

President Marshfield opened the meeting at 1:14 P.M. with 34 members and guests present.

The meeting schedule for 2019 is as follows:

**June 9, 2019** - N. Blenheim NY- NY Power Authority Visitor Center, 1378 State Route 30 meeting at 1 p.m., free tours of Lansing Manor, refreshments available

**July 14, 2019** – Cooperstown, NY – Hyde Hall Mansion information center and Hyde Hall CB display area. Open at 11 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m. Mansion tours available at \$10.00 per person. Refreshments available.

**August 11, 2019** - Granville, NY - Slate Valley Museum, 17 water Street. Open at 11 a.m., meeting at 1 p.m. Museum tours available.

**September 7 and 8, 2019** – Safari – Grafton, Merrimack, and Sullivan Counties, NH and Windsor and Orange Counties, VT. Tentatively our base of operation will be in White River Junction, Vermont. We will have to look into having something catered in if that is what we decide. Lots of bridges and sites to see.

**November 10, 2019** – Hamden, NY, Annual Meeting, Turkey dinner and Christmas Card Exchanges. Hamden Community Hall, 35806 State Route 10. Open at 11 a.m. and meeting at 1 p.m. \$15.00 per person for dinner.

#### Bridge News:

June 29, 2019 will be the Blenheim Covered Bridge grand opening celebration with details to follow.

President Marshfield mentioned that David Mcnitt passed away He was a great backbone of the Shushan Covered Bridge and Museum and it was suggested the society send \$100 to the Shushan Covered Bridge Museum in his memory. Anyone that has been there knows he was always there and he was the mainstay of the museum.

Gary Beckstead shared that 3 new bridges have been built in Quebec in areas to promote tourism. One of the bridges just across the Ottawa River has been burned down twice and he is not sure if they are going to rebuild it again.

**News of members:** Linda Willauer passed away and if anyone is interested in going to her celebration of life June 1<sup>st</sup> please let Anita Baldwin know

**Business:**

There will be a year-long raffle on a beautiful piece Linda Willauer donated called the three billy goats gruff and it says “who’s that treading upon my bridge.” Tickets will be \$5.00 apiece and will be drawn in November at the annual meeting.

July 25 – 28, 2019 is the National Society Safari in South New Brunswick, Canada. The first night it will be \$90 per night plus 15% tax. Reservations need to be made by June 25, 2019 and there will be a complimentary breakfast included. That is on a Thursday and will allow people to see the Hartland Covered Bridge. There will be two motel locations and on Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will be at the Fairfield Inn in Sussex, New Brunswick. That cost will be \$107 per night plus \$12 per person extra if over 2 in the room plus tax. Reservation there needs to be made by June 26, 2019. You will need either a passport or an Enhanced or Real Id License to get into Canada. Transportation to ride the bus will be around \$60 per person more details to come from Bill Caswell.

The society has received the Federal 501 (c) 3 status approval. Income tax was filed with the Federal and State government. We have been waiting on the state response for the similar status now for 3 months. President Marshfield believes we may need to adopt a Whistle Blower Policy for the State to accept our 501 (c) 3 application.

A motion was made and approved to adopt the Whistle Blower Policy

New brochures will be needed by the end of the year and will include Blenheim. If anyone is interested in developing/updating the brochure, let President Marshfield know? Brochure holders are still available for bridges that do not have one yet

A motion was made and approved to put store items on the website. Linda Schott will take the lead on this.

A slide show presentation was presented by Gary Beckstead on points of interest around the State. Thank you Gary!

Submitted By Stephanie Marshfield  
NYSCBS Recording Secretary