

**NYS Covered Bridge Society Meeting on June 9, 2024  
Theodore Burr Library in Oxford, NY**

Opened our Meeting at 1:00 pm by President Wayne Marshfield with 9 members and 3 guests present.

April 14, 2024 Meeting minutes were presented by Karen and approved with a motion by Larry S. and second by Linda S.

May 2024 Treasurers Report was given by Carol and approved with a motion by David W. and a second by Linda S.

**2024 Remaining Meetings**

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 – 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

**Business:**

- Newsletter deadline for articles – March, July and December

- Bylaw changes – eliminate 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, attendances? – a discussion was held and Wayne had sincere concerns over the inability to attract a vice president. If a change in our bylaws, eliminating the second vice president position, it needs to be published in the newsletter and voted on in either November or April. Attendances of officers was also a concern. In our bylaws, executive board members should attend at least 4 or the 6 meetings, however the trustees should only attend 3 meeting of the six. For consistency in the bylaws, Wayne recommends 3 for both. More to come in the next few months.
- Safari Planning is coming along nicely. Karen and Wayne went to Lancaster County, Pa. and secured a motel and a nice place for a Saturday evening dinner. The hotel selected was the Motel 6 and the contact information has been posted on the website. 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. Susan Swanek has put a lot of work into planning and it was resolved to send her \$100 for gas money going back and forth from her home for the ongoing planning.
- A discussion about the scanning of our newsletters and couriers for the Resource Center. Many have already been scanned and Linda S. has all the back Society issues for further scanning when Trish and her interns have the time.
- Wayne brought volume one of the Harley Williams collections for the Resource Center to scan the photos, many are one of a kind. The members agreed with the importance of scanning in order to have a second print and it was also agreed that the Resource Center would forward the scans to the National Society and then we would have prints in three locations. Motion by Larry S. and second by David W.
- The I Love New York Path Through history weekend of October 12 – 14 was discussed for the recommendation of a bridge to sponsor. No ideas were offered. Past years has created very little participation from the public as evidenced last year at Perrine’s CB. Any ideas would be welcomed.
- The National Society is having their monthly meeting this year at Perrine’s Covered Bridge on July 28<sup>th</sup> Visit the National website for time particulars.
- News of members were mentioned: Vic I., with a fractured tibia, and Marcia B. for exhaustion and illness. Prayers for both.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm with a motion by Larry S.

**Mike Musante displayed his miniature replica covered bridges and barns for us after the meeting and spoke about past and current covered bridges in the Deposit, NY area and elsewhere. It was very interesting and appreciated. We then toured the Covered Bridge Resource Center of which also has several of Mike's miniature replicas. Refreshments were served and many thanks to Trish Kane and her hospitality and a nice day for us all!**

**Respectfully submitted by Karen Marshfield, Secretary**