

# **Bucks County Covered Bridge Society**

## **Minutes from December 5, 2007 Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Bucks County Covered Bridges Society was called to order by Chairman William Wilson at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held at the East Rockhill Township Municipal Building. In attendance were Chairman, William Wilson; Vice-Chairman, John Cressman; Secretary/Treasurer, Wayne Siefert, Special Events Chairman, Tom Brady, Mary Frances Esposito, Keith Metzger, Todd White, Bruce Whitesell, Jeff Lindtner, and Martin Pardys.

The meeting opened up with the introduction of several new members, including Todd White of Bedminster Township, who runs the [www.scenicbuckscounty.com](http://www.scenicbuckscounty.com) web site, and who also takes excellent photographs of the Bucks County Covered Bridges. We also welcomed into membership Keith Metzger, who is a craftsman from Quakertown who makes hand-made wooden models of the Bucks County Covered Bridges. We also welcomed Jeff Lindtner who lives adjacent to Knecht's Bridge in Springfield Township. Finally, the group welcomed Bruce Whitesell, who is a member of Concerned Democrats of Springfield Township. Todd's group recently made a large replica of Knecht's Bridge for a parade they participated in. Bruce generously offered the use of the bridge for any of the Society's events.

Several photographs of Mood's Bridge at various stages of reconstruction were passed around the table. It was also noted that in the most recent edition of the East Rockhill Township Newsletter, there were two front-page articles about our Society. One announcing the formation of the Society, and one giving details about the re-dedication celebration on April 12, 2008.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- The status of the reconstruction of Mood's Bridge was given by John Cressman. John informed us that at the upcoming December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the East Rockhill Board of Supervisors, that an ordinance to limit traffic on Branch Road to One-Way northbound between Branch Road and Fifth Street will be voted on. The proposed ordinance will be in effect for one year as a trial. John also noted that PennDot does not want to change the design of the portal opening, but they will put signs in place limiting the height of vehicles entering the bridge to 12 feet. We may also request a "No Trucks" sign. Construction is moving along with much of the roof shingling in place. Siding is the last major remaining step to be completed. The road has been resurfaced at the entrances.
- The letterhead and envelopes should be ready at the printer by next week. Wayne will pick them up and distribute
- Wayne read a list of Society goals both for short-term and long-term. It was decided that committees be chaired as follows: Publicity: Wayne; Fund Raising; Tom; Food: Petrona and Springfield Democrats; Entertainment: Bill, and Parking: John. We still need someone to coordinate vendors for the spring re-dedication event.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Keith Metzger generously donated a hand-made wooden model of Mood's Bridge to the Society. It has not yet been determined how the Society will use the model, or if it will be raffled or sold to raise funds. The Society thanked Keith for his gift, and awarded him an honorary Charter Membership in the Society.
- Tom Brady read a proposed letter to be given or mailed to area businesses asking for donations for our Society. Wayne will print the letter on our new letterhead and have it available at the next meeting.
- We discussed sending letters to all of the area Historical Society's announcing the formation of our Society, and soliciting members.
- It was discussed that perhaps the Bucks County Town & Country magazine may want to do an article on the Society and the Covered Bridges of Bucks County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Chairman Bill Wilson. Next meeting to be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at the Perkasio Fire House, 100 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Perkasio, PA 18944