

## **Minutes – May 6, 2012**

Minutes of the May 6, 2012 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Boxboro, Massachusetts during Philatelic Show 2012.

### Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Vermont Philatelic Society  
Bruce Bolduc – Wachusett Philatelic Society  
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club  
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association  
Douglas Clark – Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group  
Nancy Clark – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Michael Mead – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Yamil Kouri – Waltham Stamp Club  
Melody Palmer – United States Stamp Society  
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club

There was a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Jeff Shapiro. The meeting opened at 2:05PM with 12 members present.

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes of March 11, 2012 were distributed and approved with one minor name correction.

### Treasurer's Report

The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.

### Youth Activities

- a) See below for Kids Show Activities

#### Philatelic Show 2012

- a) A large majority had a good show. They consider this show to be the largest in the Northeast and considerably larger than the New York Mega show. There was enthusiasm among the dealers on being a part of the show in 2013.
- b) There are still some issues with the climate in the large room.
- c) No dogs will be allowed at future shows unless the dog is a service dog.
- d) Approximately 700 people attended the show.
- e) Cover sales were lower this year than last year.
- f) 24 kids came in on Friday from Groton, CT. An additional 40-50 kids participated in the Kid's activities that Bruce Bolduc organize and run.

#### Philatelic Show 2013-2015

- a) Hungarian Stamp Society will be meeting at the 2013 show.
- b) Classics Society will meet at the 2014 show and United States Stamp Society in 2015.
- c) We need to encourage more exhibits for future shows

### Boston 2026 Feasibility Committee

- a) A Feasibility Study/Report was presented at the meeting. Vote to be held in the new year. The Co-Organizers are Nancy Clark, Yamil Kouri, and Mark Butterline.

- b) We now have an excellent facility to host such a show in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).
- c) We now have a superior transportation infrastructure with a completed “Big Dig” highway system; a completed high-speed rail link connecting Boston to New York, Philadelphia and Washington; and a mass transit system that includes direct links between Logan Airport, the BCEC, and South Station.
- d) The year 2026 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the country (Philadelphia hosted its international in 1976)
- e) We have an active federation of 35 stamp clubs, with deep experience in running a successful annual WSP show.
- f) We have hosted many successful APS StamShows in New England (Boston, Hartford and Providence), with StampShow 2014 returning to Hartford.

#### Old Business

- a) None

#### New Business

- a) Officer Elections were conducted and the following slate was elected:
  - President – Jeff Shapiro
  - Vice President – Norm Shufrin
  - Treasurer – Bruce Bolduc
  - Secretary – Christopher Brouady
  - BOD (2 year term until 2014) – Tim O’Shea (Springfield Stamp Club), Paul Bento (Eire Philatelic Association), Melody Palmer (United States Stamp Society)

#### Next Meeting

TBD at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History. Jeff Shapiro to notify Federation members.

Meeting Adjourned – 2:45PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary