

Minutes – September 23, 2012

Minutes of the September 23, 2012 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Cardinal Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Vermont Philatelic Society
Bruce Bolduc – Wachusett Philatelic Society
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum

There was a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by Vice President Norm Shufrin. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 7 members present.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of May 6, 2012 were distributed and approved with revisions.

Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) Bruce suggested that we research what IRS regulations we need to adhere to. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Youth Activities

- a) Nothing new to report

Philatelic Show 2012

- a) The show was a financial success... we are in the black.
- b) We are waiting for the medals to be delivered

Philatelic Show 2013-2015

- a) Mark Butterline will take on a greater role with the Philatelic Show financial duties and will help Jeff Shapiro as needed with show coordination. He will now be the “Assistant Show Chairman”. The board has asked Jeff Shapiro to come up with a “list of duties” document for the Philatelic Show.
- b) Hungarian Stamp Society will be meeting at the 2013 show.
- c) Classics Society will meet at the 2014 show and United States Stamp Society in 2015.
- d) 2013 Show theme was discussed. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.
- e) The mailing database has been worked on extensively by Norm Shufrin and Jack Miller. This will save a considerable amount of money on the show mailing.

Boston 2026 Feasibility Committee

- a) The Committee members are Nancy Clark, Yamil Kouri, and Mark Butterline.
- b) The proposed location is the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC).
- c) Nothing new to report.

Futures Committee (exploring options for shows beyond 2015)

- a) We are actively looking for a new location for our show in 2016 given the large increase in the cost of show (7.1%) from 2014 to 2015.
- b) Several members will be going to at least a half-dozen locations over the next few months to explore options.
- c) It was also noted that the hotel has not made a significant effort to improve the convention space in the last 5 years.

Old Business

- a) None

New Business

- a) Mark Butterline suggested we resurrect the “Congress” of the Federation. This group is mentioned in our Constitution. Mark will work on logistics over the next 6 months.
- b) The Federation website has had some issues at the administrative level. Our provider, 1and1.com, has fixed the issue.
- c) Upcoming events include:
 - Spellman Museum annual dinner & exhibits (Saturday, October 6th)
 - Charlene Smith talk on Nelson Mandela & Mandela on Stamps at the Museum on October 10th
 - Richard Johnson, curator of the Boston Sports Museum will speak at the Spellman Museum on October 24th.
- d) A new club member form will be created and posted on the Federation website.

Next Meeting

December 9th at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History

Meeting Adjourned – 2:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary