

## **Minutes – September 14, 2014**

Minutes of the September 14, 2014 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, Massachusetts.

### Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Bruce Bolduc - Wachusett Philatelic Society  
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club  
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club  
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association  
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Norm Shufrin – Waltham Stamp Club  
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club  
Paula Shaker – Fall River Philatelic Society  
Joe Signor – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Geoff Dunlop – Fall River Philatelic Society  
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club  
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society

We do have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 11 members, plus 3 other club representatives.

### Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of May 4, 2014 were approved.

### Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) The 2014 Income Statement and Balance sheet were presented in detail by Bruce Bolduc and the finances of the Federation continue to be solid.
- c) The 2015 Budget was discussed and passed unanimously.

### Youth Activities

- a) New Order/Selection sheet has been added to the Federation webpage.
- b) The Boys and Girls club of Fitchburg/Leominster will be contacted to continue the Youth program again for the upcoming Fall/Spring.
- c) The Stamp Collecting Merit Badge for Boy Scouts is still taught at the Spellman Museum, but there is some concern that the amount of sessions has been reduced.
- d) Bruce Bolduc was asked to discuss partnering with the Spellman Museum Director of Youth Activities

### Philatelic Show 2014

- a) Jeff Shapiro, show chairman, provided a report. The dealers were pleased. Attendance was very good. There were some unexpected expenses with a major vendor but these were addressed by Jeff. The Federation was asked by attendees to provide better signage in the hotel.

- b) The Budget was presented by Bruce Bolduc. The Federation netted a modest amount that will not materially affect the financial position of the show or the Federation.
- c) There was some discussion about modifying our advertising strategy to maximize ROI (Return on Investment).

#### Philatelic Show 2015

- a) Jeff Shapiro, show chairman, provided a report. Planning is already under way. The theme will be discussed at length at our next meeting.
- b) The United States Stamp Society will be in attendance for their annual meeting.
- c) The Collectors Club of New York will also be attending the show.
- d) Due to the above clubs, we anticipate our exhibits to sell out and to have some amazing material on exhibit.
- e) Dealers are already inquiring about the show and many dealers are on board. We anticipate a sell out again.

#### Philatelic Show 2017 and in the Future

- a) Mark Butterline and Jeff Shapiro are actively looking at alternate site for the Philatelic Show.
- b) They are happy to report that there are some real possibilities. The DCU Center in Worcester and the Burlington Marriot are being considered as the future sites of the show.
- c) No decisions will be made until early 2015.

#### New York 2016

- a) The New York 2016 Committee has reached an agreement with the FIP. This will allow the final planning of the show to move forward.

#### Boston 2026 Update

- a) There was a meeting at the Hartford APS show with Ken Martin. Ken described what the RFP will look like. Mark Butterline reports that a group from Chicago is planning on bidding. The RFP will be published in the October Philatelist. Due date is January 15, 2015.
- b) The decision will be held at the Riverside show on February 12, 2014.

#### Old Business

- a) We have filed our tax forms with the IRS and we are waiting to hear back on our non-profit status.

#### New Business

- a) An application from the Purgatory Stamp Club to join the Federation was received and unanimously approved by the board. The Stamp Club is located in Milford, New Hampshire. The Club is growing its numbers and Linda Gilmore reports that there are some great upcoming presentations.
- b) Paula Shaker and Geoff Dunlop of the Fall River Philatelic Society were in attendance at the meeting. They are going to be hosting a local show on a regular basis going forward and they asked for help with mailings. Paula and Jack Miller to work together on this. Their next show will be held in August 29, 2015.

#### Next Meeting

November 9, 2014 at 1PM at the Spellman Museum.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:00PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary