

Minutes – November 9, 2014

Minutes of the November 9, 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
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association
Norm Shufrin – Waltham Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society

We did not have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 9 members.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of September 14, 2014 were reviewed and will be voted on at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) The updated 2014 Income Statement and Balance sheet were presented in detail by Bruce Bolduc and the finances of the Federation continue to be solid.
- c) We discussed the 2014 – 2015 budget. We will not be charging chapters any dues given it is not a significant source of revenue.
- d) The merits of advertising in the Philatelic Exhibitor magazine was discussed.
- e) We anticipate the need to put down a significant amount for the 2026 International show if we are selected as host.

Youth/Beginner Activities

- a) Looking to teach seniors at senior centers how to collect stamps and encourage them to show their grandkids
- b) There was discussion to incorporate “beginners” into the collecting activities

Philatelic Show 2015

- a) Jeff Shapiro, asked for suggestions for a show theme. We talked about 70th anniversary of VE Day. Honoring Veterans was also discussed and considered a favorable theme.
- b) The United States Stamp Society and Collectors Club of New York will be in attendance for their annual meeting.
- c) Due to the above clubs, we anticipate our exhibits to sell out and to have some amazing material on exhibit. With that said, we continue to think about how to keep exhibit interest up in the future.
- d) We need to replace our Dealer cabinets, but we will continue to use our current cabinets in 2015.
- e) We may include the APS Stamp buddy program in the show. Having an appropriate location is key so that it doesn't cause issues with flow of patrons.

Philatelic Show 2017 and in the Future

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

Boston 2026 Update

- a) A formal proposal will be sent to the APS on January 15, 2015. A draft of the proposal was shared with the board members.

Old Business

- a) Our 501(c)4 application is in process. Mark contacted the IRS and they report that a determination will be made in 1-2 months.

New Business

- a) A suggestion was made to donate a modest amount to the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in memory of Peter Pierce who was a Philatelic Show chairman for many years and participated with the Federation for several decades.
- b) An application from the Upper Valley Stamp Club was received. The Stamp Club is located in Queechee, Vermont. A vote will be taken next week on admitting them to the Federation.

Next Meeting

January 11, 2015 at 1PM at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History in Weston, MA

Meeting Adjourned – 2:45PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary