

## **Minutes – January 11, 2015**

Minutes of the January 11, 2015 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  
David Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club  
Joe Signor – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Nancy Clark – Massachusetts Postal Research Society  
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club  
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Yamil Kouri – Philatelic Group of Boston

We have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 14 members.

### Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of November 9, 2014 were reviewed and approved.

### 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) We discussed various upcoming donations for 2015 which will fit into the budget
- e) We will continue to maintain an adequate insurance policy for the Federation

### Youth/Beginner Activities

- a) The Stamp Buddy program is looking for space at Philatelic Show. Jeff Shapiro and Bruce Bulduc will discuss whether this can be incorporated into existing youth activities
- b) Leominster Boys and Girls Club will continue to have youth philatelic activities

### Philatelic Show 2015

- a) We have come to a consensus on a show theme. “Honoring Veterans” will be the theme.
- b) The United States Stamp Society and Collectors Club of New York will be in attendance for their annual meeting. The Postal History Society has also confirmed they will be there.
- c) Due to the above clubs, we anticipate our exhibits to sell out and to have some amazing material on exhibit.

- d) We will be replacing more Dealer cabinets in 2015. A line item in the budget will be added for this expense.
- e) There will be a Spellman Spring Symposium (April 30<sup>th</sup>) the same weekend as the show.
- f) Dealer Bourse will be a sell out again and there continues to be an extensive waiting list.
- g) We ask that club leaders drum up support for volunteering at the Philatelic Show.

#### Philatelic Show 2017 and in the Future

- a) The Burlington Marriot and DCU Center in Worcester are being considered as future sites of the show.
- b) No decisions will be made until Spring 2015.

#### Boston 2026 Update

- a) A formal proposal will be sent to the APS on January 15, 2015. The final proposal was shared and discussed among all Federation members in attendance.
- b) A unanimous vote was taken to submit the bid to the APS Board of Directors and give authorization to the Federation treasurer to apply a deposit to reserve the Boston convention center conditioned upon selection by the APS.

#### Old Business

- a) There was no old business to discuss

#### New Business

- a) Mark Butterline mentioned that if Boston were to be picked for the Olympics in 2024, a sports themed philatelic exhibit will be presented as part of the Cultural Olympiad in the Boston area.
- b) An application from the Upper Valley Stamp Club was received. The Stamp Club is located in Queechee, Vermont. Their application was unanimously approved and they are now a member of the Federation.

#### Next Meeting

March 8, 2015 at 1PM – tentatively at the SOPEX stamp show in Lawrence, MA

Meeting Adjourned – 2:15PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary