

Minutes – September 10, 2017

Minutes of the September 10, 2017 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
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club

We have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by Vice President Norm Shufrin. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 5 members.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of May 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved there were no suggested changes or corrections.

Treasurer’s Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) The updated 2017 Income Statement and Balance sheet were presented in detail by Jeff Shapiro and the finances of the Federation continue to be solid.
- c) The 2017 Philatelic show was profitable
- d) A budget for 2018 is still TBD
- e) We are actively looking for a new Treasurer
- f) We incurred a charge for show exhibit medals but this will only be once every 5-6 year charge.

Youth/Beginner Activities

- a) We expect Youth Activities to continue for Philatelic Show 2018 and other Youth activities as they arrive.
- b) The Federation donated \$500 towards Youth Activities for the year

Philatelic Show 2018

- a) Show will be held May 4-6th
- b) We expect the Bermuda Collectors Society at the show.
- c) The Prexie Era Study Group will hold meetings at the show.
- d) Show theme is still TBD. If you have suggestions, please contact Jeff Shapiro
- e) Due to cost of medals it was recommended increasing the fee for exhibiting. It was stressed that frame fees must cover the cost of judging.
- f) There will be a Spellman Spring Symposium the same weekend as the show. More information will be provided on the Spellman Museum website in the future
- g) Dealer Bourse will be a sell out again and there continues to be an extensive waiting list.
- h) We ask that club leaders drum up support for volunteering at the Philatelic Show.

Philatelic Show 2019 and in the Future

- a) Newton Marriot is being considered because it has been recently enlarged.

- b) The Royal Plaza in Marlboro is under construction and will likely have enough space.
- c) Request for Proposals to be sent out Fall 2017.

Boston 2026 Update

- a) Mark Butterline reports more team members are being added for essential show functions
- b) The Smithsonian has been engaged to come up with participation ideas and events during the show
- c) Possibility of a RPO car brought to South Station or near the convention hall
- d) Looking into securing a re-enactment group
- e) There is a large amount of work to be done. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Mark Butterline.

Old Business

- a) Philatelic Show 2019 and the future was discussed as Old Business

New Business

- a) Norm Shufrin lead a discussion of upcoming events including the Spellman Museum Members dinner as well as the WALPEX stamp Show.
- b) The auction at WALPEX will be run by the Spellman Museum

Next Meeting

January 14, 2018 at 1PM – at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History

Meeting Adjourned – 2:15PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary