

## **Minutes – May 1, 2011**

Minutes of the May 1, 2011 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Philatelic Show 2011 in Boxboro, Massachusetts.

### Attendees:

Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association  
Mark Butterline – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Bruce Bolduc – Wachusett Philatelic Society  
Dave Moiles - Clara Barton Stamp Club  
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club  
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston  
Wayne Rindone - Needham-Newton Stamp Club  
Norm Shufrin – Waltham Stamp Club  
Linda Gilmore - Chelmsford Stamp Club  
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club  
Dave Libby – Boston Philatelic Society  
Michael Mead – Boston Philatelic Group  
Nancy Clark – Cape Cod & Area Philatelic Group  
Paul Bourke – Boston Philatelic Group

There was a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 2:05PM with 14 members present.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes of March 13, 2011 were approved and distributed after striking an extra "0" in the Spellman Museum donation.

### Taxation and Reporting

- a) Mike Mead talked about taxes. Under Mass law the Federation needs a state show promoter's license to have the Philatelic Show. This license can be obtained for a \$200 fee per year (for 10 shows). Maybe able to have other Federation member shows use the unused capacity on the license.
- b) State tax reg # needed by 10 days before show by all dealers. The Federation needs to be proactive with all dealers and make sure they have a registration #.
- c) We need to research Federal Tax Law. It is important that we fill out a Form 990 going forward. The Federation will look into filing for 501(c)(7) or 501(c)(3) in the future.

### Treasurer's Report

All non-show outstanding bills have been paid. The Federation has sufficient cash and assets to operate normally.

### Youth Activities at Philatelic Show 2011

- a) Friday of the show there was about a dozen kids that took advantage of the youth table
- b) Saturday and Sunday there were approximately 25 – 50 kids each day. The kids really enjoyed their time

### Philatelic Show 2011

- a) The Theme is Vin Fiz flight of 1911
- b) Most dealers had a good show. Seemed to be greater attendance and people were spending more.
- c) Approximately 675 attended the show (paid attendance), not counting non-paid (exhibitors, dealers, committee, volunteers).
- d) There were some attendees who complained about the show fee (\$3 for a day \$5 for the entire show).
- e) 62 dealers... 10% fewer than last year due to competing shows on the same weekend.
- f) There is a possible opportunity to have an additional auction company in future years. Mike Mead is working on this issue which will bring additional revenues to the federation to help offset growing expenses.
- g) Frames were filled. Banquet was very well attended and enough Hotel rooms were filled to comply with the hotel contract
- h) Major Societies held meetings

### Old Business

#### Boston 2026 Feasibility Committee

- a) An interim report was presented by Nancy Clark.
- b) Four meetings have taken place with a few principal individuals including Nancy Clark, Mark Butterline and Yamil H. Kouri
- c) The Boston Convention Center is being considered for the show.
- d) A full Feasibility committee report will be presented on May 6, 2012 (Philatelic Show 2012)

### New Business

- a) Election of Officers:  
 President: Jeff Shapiro  
 Vice President: Norm Shufrin  
 Treasurer: Bruce Bulduc  
 Secretary: Chris Brouady  
 Director: Dave Moiles  
 Director: Jack Miller  
 Director: Linda Gilmore
- b) The Federation backs Yamil Kouri for Director-at-Large and all unopposed candidates in the other offices. Mark to cast the Federation's ballot.
- c) Clubs will be notified that they are allowed to have a club meeting at the Philatelic show going forward.
- d) Mark Butterline says, "The bylaws have been located. They will be published online soon."

### Philatelic Show 2012

- a) Some thoughts on a theme were talked about.... Maybe Fenway, Titanic...
- b) Contract with hotel has been secured.
- c) Postal History Society will be in attendance. They plan to do a series of seminars.

### Philatelic Show 2016

- a) Several conflicts, including the International Show, could mean the Philatelic show needs to be third week in April. This topic will be re-visited at a later time.

President's Leave Taking

- a) On leaving office President Butterline strongly suggested that the Federation move aggressively to have more non-Massachusetts and Western Massachusetts participation on the BoD.
- b) Also suggested that the two term limit (two years) for presidents was too short. Four years would be a good limit.

Next Meeting

Sunday, September 11th, 1PM at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History.

Meeting Adjourned – 3:30PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary