

Minutes – September 22, 2013

Minutes of the September 22, 2013 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the Boxboro Holiday Inn in Boxboro, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Vermont Philatelic Society
Bruce Bolduc – Wachusett Philatelic Society
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Waltham Stamp Club
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston

We do not have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 7 members present plus Yamil Kouri.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of May 5, 2013 were distributed and no changes were requested.

Treasurer's Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) The 2013 show had a positive cash balance. A Summary of expenses was presented.

Youth Activities

- a) In October the youth stamp program for the Boys and Girls club of Leominster starts.
- b) A Youth room will be up and running at WALPEX 2013 on October 26th-27th.

Philatelic Show 2013

- a) The show was a financial success. We are in the black and the books are closed.
- b) All expenses have been submitted and paid.
- c) Bruce was thanked for taking care of all the financial management related to the show.

Philatelic Show 2014

- a) Classics Society will meet at the 2014 show.
- b) Our Bourse Chair is busy working on getting the dealers signed up
- c) Working on renewing a multi-year contract for storage and set-up of the frames
- d) We are searching for a new cachet designer, show booklet designer as well as a publicist. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Shapiro as soon as possible.
- e) Show Themes were discussed. A car theme and baseball theme were discussed. The Federation is leaning towards the Car/Ford Mustang 50th Anniversary.

Old Business

- a) We have 33 active clubs across the Federation. However, some clubs have not responded recently and work needs to be done to locate a reliable point of contact. Also, Federation dues have not been paid by several of the clubs for several years. Mark Butterline has a goal to add clubs over the next year and increase membership to 50 clubs. Mark has created a new club application form.

New Business

- a) Because there was not a quorum at the meeting Jeff Shapiro mentioned that we should think about changing our by-laws such that we can discuss and approve motions via computer medium (i.e. Skype or email).
- b) The Federation will be filing for 501(c)(4) status with the IRS. This is necessary due to IRS regulations. There is a one-time fee of \$850, but no future tax liability.
- c) The Federation will be sending flowers to longtime Federation member and former President Peter Pierce.
- d) Two donations were suggested. One to the APRL and the other to the Spellman Museum.
- e) Once voted on we suggest the purchase of a new computer/video projector
- f) It was suggested that at a minimum a laptop be purchased for the museum. Current computer equipment is outdated and virtually unusable.

2026 Bid Committee

The committee is working on scheduling their first meeting. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has not been issued by the APS yet.

Next Meeting

December 15, 2013 at 1PM at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History

Meeting Adjourned – 2:10PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary