

Minutes – March 9, 2014

Minutes of the March 9, 2014 Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs BoD Meeting held at the SOPEX Stamp Show in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Vermont Philatelic Society
Bruce Bolduc - Wachusett Philatelic Society
Chris Brouady - Waltham Stamp Club
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Philatelic Group of Boston
Paul Bento – Eire Philatelic Association
Tim O’Shea – Springfield Stamp Club
Linda Gilmore – Chelmsford Stamp Club

We do have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:00PM with 8 members.

Secretary’s Report:

Minutes of January 12, 2013 were approved.

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. The 2013 Income Statement and Balance sheet were presented in detail by Bruce Bulduc and the finances of the Federation continue to be solid.
- c) There are many clubs that have not paid their Federation Dues. Bruce will reach out and locate as many club POCs as possible.
- d) The 2014 Budget was discussed and passed unanimously.

Youth Activities

- a) Nothing new to report

Boston 2026 Update

- a) The May American Philatelist will request proposals for the 2026 International Show.
- b) The Boston 2026 Bid Committee has been working on a draft proposal.

Philatelic Show 2014

- a) There may be a First Day Cover Ceremony on the Friday of the show. This will be a reissue of “Where Dreams Blossom”. Discussions with the Acton Post Office are ongoing.
- b) Dealer contracts are out and all tables are sold out. We still have a waiting list.
- c) Classics Society will meet at the 2014 show. They will be giving a series of talks on various topics.
- d) The Metropolitan Airpost Society will be meeting at the show.
- e) The Federation has frame availability. We encourage all area exhibitors to contact Guy Dillaway, Exhibitors Chair, to reserve your spot.
- f) We are searching for a new cache designer, show booklet designer as well as a publicist. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Shapiro as soon as possible.

- g) The show theme is the Car/Ford Mustang 50th Anniversary. The local Mustang Club will bring a few Mustangs to the show and will park them in the hotel parking lot.
- h) Clubs are encouraged to recruit members to help with the show. This includes set up tasks and manning the registration table.

Old Business

- a) A positive vote was taken to immediately give the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History an unrestricted \$400 Donation. The purchase of a laptop for the museum has been put on hold pending the outcome of whether a donated computer will come available or a computer purchased under school discount is warranted.

New Business

- a) A positive vote was taken to purchase three storage cabinets to replace old dealer cabinets. Cabinets to be delivered to the show on Thursday.
- b) A Nominations Committee was formed. This includes Mark Butterline, Linda Gilmore, and Jeff Shapiro

Next Meeting

May 4, 2014 at 1PM at the Philatelic Show in Boxborough, MA

Meeting Adjourned – 2:10PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Brouady, Secretary