

Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes of the May 7, 2017.

Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Delegates Meeting held at the Boxboro Regency during Philatelic Show 2017 in Boxboro, Massachusetts.

Attendees:

Mark Butterline – Philatelic Group of Boston
Bruce Bolduc - Wachusett Philatelic Society
Dave Moiles – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Jeff Shapiro – Clara Barton Stamp Club
Linda Gilmore – Purgatory Stamp Club
Jack Miller – Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History
Michael Imbruglia – Rhode Island Philatelic Society
Nancy Clark – Massachusetts Postal Research Society
Michael Mead – Eire Philatelic Association
Norm Shufrin – Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History
Chris Brouady – Waltham Stamp Club
Joseph Signor – Chelmsford Stamp Club
Guy Dillaway – Philatelic Group of Boston
Dave Kent – Universal Ship Cancellation Society
Dave duBois – Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group
David Ball – Waltham Stamp Club

There was a quorum. The meeting was called to order by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:13PM with representatives from 12 member clubs present.

The following slate was elected to the BoD (taking office after the annual meeting) with 1 abstention and remaining in favor:

(Directors for 2 year terms)

Director – Linda Gilmore
Director – Jack Miller
Director – Michael Imbruglia

President – David Ball
Vice President – Norm Shufrin
Treasurer: Jeff Shapiro
Secretary: Christopher Brouady

Meeting Adjourned – 1:20PM

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We have a quorum of the BOD. The meeting was called together by President Mark Butterline. The meeting opened at 1:20PM with 16 members.

Symposium Report:

- a) Nancy said the symposium was well attended and was a great success. Nancy reports that this was the 5th year. The topic was southern Africa which was the first foreign topic. There was a suggestion to speak with the American Airmail Society about a possible topic for next year.

Secretary's Report:

- a) Minutes of March 13, 2017 and September 18, 2016 were reviewed and approved with an Amendment to change Linda Gilmore's club affiliation to "Purgatory". In addition, the Minutes of May 8, 2016 (Philatelic Show 2016) were reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

- a) The Federation has a positive cash balance and all non-show outstanding bills have been paid.
- b) All associated costs related to Philatelic Show 2017 will be paid upon receipt of invoices.

Youth/Beginner Activities

- a) Fifteen youth visitors so far at the show.
- b) There were a lot of kid exhibits this year. Bruce Bolduc was thanked for his effort in getting kids involved in exhibiting this year.
- c) No Scout involvement this year.

Philatelic Show 2017

- a) Mike reported that Saturday had a smaller turnout than usual but Sunday was well attended as compared to previous years. Mike Mead will continue to lead the Dealer Bourse and will determine prices. Very few complaints about the hotel. Dealers did grumble that there was no food available next to the show on Sunday, but this was strategic given the lack of food sales last year on Sunday. Dealers ordered food from the main hotel restaurant. Pricing by Dealer table location was discussed as a possibility for next year.
- b) We need more show volunteers. This will help with security, front table and other volunteer duties.
- c) Had 212 frames which was better than last year but still a bit below our goal of 240.
- d) Exhibits will be run by Doug Clark next year
- e) Attendance was down about 2% from last year.
- f) The initial batch of show covers were sold out and we ask the USPS to cancel more.

Philatelic Show 2018 and in the Future

- a) 2018 show to be at the same location (Regency Hotel). We will be keeping options open for 2019.
- b) Still need to find new site.
- c) We are considering giving each exhibitor a show cover. BOD will discuss in the future as needed.
- d) Show theme is TBD
- e) The Spellman Museum is speaking with the American Airmail Society about participating in the Symposium next year
- f) A recommendation was made to limit single frame exhibits to a designated number. We had 19 this year.
- g) We need to make a greater effort to get more volunteers. Suggestions were made to reach out more directly to the member clubs.
- h) It was recommended that we purchase more signs and larger signs.

Boston 2026 Update

- a) Board meetings held via telecom.
- b) Many 2026 people involved in NY show.
- c) A new logo was created. T-Shirts and stickers have been created.
- d) We have several dealers who have already said they plan to attend the show.
- e) There is some concern with the FIP and its viability by 2026. The Boston 2026 BOD will continue to do their best to work with the FIP in the future.

Old Business

- a) None.

New Business

- a) There was a discussion about moving the show to a new site starting in 2019. There are locations available, but more studying is required to determine if other locations are affordable and convenient.
- b) The Show Committee will determine future signage needs.

Next Meeting

September 10, 2017 at 1PM at the Spellman Museum. A phone conference call number will be set up for those that cannot attend in person.

Meeting Adjourned – 2:25PM

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher E. Brouady