

Minutes of the WFSC 82nd Convention

Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 2013

Room 201C, Wisconsin Center

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Delegates Present: Gary Christianson, ATA Chapter 5; Peter Smith, Badger Stamp Club; Darryl Ruprecht, Green Bay Philatelic Society; Larry Glenzer, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club; Aimée Devine, Janesville Stamp Club; Ann Selzer, Milwaukee Philatelic Society; Rhonda Shumacher, Northwestern Mutual Stamp Club; Jim Byrne, Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mountain, MI); Mel Graffenius, Waukesha Philatelic Society; Jim Cormany, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

Alternates Present: Clete Delvaux, Green Bay Philatelic Society; Carol Schutta, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society

WFSC Executive Board Present:

Karen Weigt, President; Michael Mules, Vice President; Ken Grant, Secretary; Al Vick, Treasurer; MaryAnn Bowman, Vice President Youth Division; Maurice Wozniak, Northeast Region VP; Mike Stagsetter, Central Region VP

Committees/Appointees:

Steve Kluskens, WFSC Webmaster

Observers: Jim Stearns, Northwoods Philatelic Society (Iron Mountain, MI); Dick Schwartzbeck, Kansas City

1. Karen Weigt called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Karen Weigt introduced Cheryl Ganz as part of the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. She also introduced Steve Kluskens as a Hall of Fame inductee. Both inductees were recognized by the delegates, alternates, and WFSC Board members.

3. Invocation: Karen Weigt gave the invocation which was prepared by Pastor Bob Voss especially for the WFSC Annual Business Meeting.

4. Roll Call of Clubs: Ken Grant gave the roll call of clubs for the Annual Business Meeting. Ten clubs responded with delegates/alternates.

5. Membership Totals: Al Vick provided a membership report indicating that there are currently 724 individual members within 27 clubs, and 13 members at large.

6. Approval of Minutes: Northwoods Philatelic

Society moved and Wauwatosa Philatelic Society seconded a motion to approve the 2012 Annual Business Meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

7. Reports of Officers:

A. Immediate Past President: Absent and no report.

B. President: Karen Weigt took office on July 1, 2013. She indicated that she will confirm all committee appointments by September 1. She plans on concentrating on maintaining the health and growth of our member clubs. In addition, she will work to find a host club for WISCOPEX for the next three years.

C. Vice President: Michael Mules provided a brief report indicating that he is looking forward to service on the WFSC Executive Board. Like the president, he took office on July 1, 2013.

D. Secretary: Ken Grant reported that he took minutes for each of the board meetings and for the Annual Business Meeting. He also sent out informational emails to WFSC club representatives and handled the 2013 mail ballot elections.

E. Treasurer's Report: Al Vick provided the membership with the 2012 Annual Financial Report. The WFSC is in good financial shape and continues to spend its money prudently. Federal and State annual reports have been filed as required for the WFSC's non-profit corporation and tax exempt status under IRS Section 501(c)3. \$1,820 was donated to help cover StampShow expenses. Moved by ATA Chapter 5 and seconded by Northwoods Philatelic Society a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Passed unanimously.

The following clubs contributed to the WFSC to help cover StampShow expenses: AAMS, ATA Chapter 5, Badger Stamp Club, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, German Philatelic Society, Janesville Stamp Club, Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Northwoods Philatelic Society, Sheboygan Stamp Club, Waukesha County Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. Sixteen individuals also contributed.

F. Vice President, Youth Division: MaryAnn Bowman presented her report indicating that she prepared and distributed 100 beginning stamp collecting kits and stamp packets to 4th grade

students at Southern Door County School District as well as an educational packet of curriculum worksheets using Wisconsin related stamps to their teachers. In addition, she entered the Youth Resource web pages from the WFSC web site into a German international literature competition. New content continues to be added to the Youth Resources section of the WFSC web pages. She spearheaded campaigns to promote youth philately in other stamp organizations resulting in the APS Stamps Teach program, a youth e-publication, *Topical Tidbits* for the American Topical Association, and a soon-to-be-announced youth program for the AFDCS.

G. Southwest Region, John Paré: John reported that he visited the Baraboo Stamp Club and the Badger Stamp Club. In addition, he visited DANEPEX put on by the Badger Stamp Club, and the Janesville Stamp Show put on by the Janesville Club. Both shows had good attendance. He did not visit the Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club.

H. Northeast Region, Maurice Wozniak: Most of his contact has been by newsletter, phone, and e-mail. The Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, of Escanaba, MI, is a new WFSC member club.

I. East Central Region: Absent and no report.

J. Southeast Region: Absent and no report.

K. Central Region: Mike Stagsetter assumed office on July 1, 2013. He has not yet visited a club. Unfortunately, due to lack of participation, there will be no WaUSApex this year.

Reports of Standing Committees:

A. The Finance Committee: The Finance Committee meets informally to review the WFSC finances several times a year.

B. Publicity and Public Relations: The Committee reported that they prepared releases and articles for various WFSC activities and sent them to the national press as well as *ATFP*. They wrote welcoming letters to a new Region VP and a new member club and coordinated the WFSC show calendar. The committee also staffed WFSC society tables at MILCOPEX 2012 and StampShow 2013. In addition, they counseled the Madison Post Office in organizing a first-day-of-sale event for the 2012 Wisconsin Flag coil

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stamp. They arranged and implemented a first-day-of-sale ceremony program in Brussels, Door County, for the Cherry Orchard stamp. In conjunction with these events, they produced and publicized two WFSC cacheted first-day-of-sale covers.

The committee furthermore promoted and highlighted Wisconsin's contributions to philately through active and visible participation at APS StampShow 2013, including the production of colorful cinderella stamps and "The ABCs of Wisconsin on Stamps" booklet as a giveaway, creating a cacheted first-day cover for the Folk Art Eagle stamped envelope, as well as WFSC convention covers, obtaining gifts and incentives for delegates to the Annual Business Meeting, planning four days of presentations by collectors with ties to Wisconsin, and hosting an open-to-the-public social hour/celebration to honor our Hall of Fame members.

C. Judging Committee: Absent and no report.

D. Wisconsin Stamp Suggestions: Absent and no report.

E. Committee on Exhibitions: Absent and no report.

F. Bylaws Committee: The Bylaws Committee offered an amendment to the WFSC's Standing Rules with regard to the coordinator of the WFSC Stamp Show Calendar and Registry. It also provided counsel with regard to various actions that might conflict with WFSC bylaws.

Reports of Special Committees/Projects and Other Appointees:

A. Newsletter Editor: Aimée Devine took over the *ATFP* newsletter from Wayne Youngblood. She thanked MaryAnn Bowman and Karen Weigt for their help in the transition. She met regularly with the Editorial Advisory Council to plan issue content. She tried to have the publication out in a timely manner. Her goal for the future is to increase awareness of the full-color *ATFP* available online at the beginning of each month of publication.

B. Advertising: Dave Carney provided a report indicating that we have good advertisers for our publication. This year both the APS and Delcampe advertised in *ATFP*.

C. Editorial Advisory Committee: The Committee reported that they pre-planned issues on a thematic basis with informative and colorful content covering a wide variety of collecting interests. They solicited both adults and youth

for written contributions and presented authors with a complimentary collectible gift. The publication schedule is more regular, and the committee continues to provide assistance with proof-reading, revising, and editing. In the future, the committee hopes to add supplemental materials and links for additional website content.

D. Historian: Absent and no report.

E. American Philatelic Society Report: Al Vick reported that we have been an APS Chapter for 60 years.

F. American Topical Association Report: Ken Grant reported that he forwarded ATA forms to Robert Mather for completion.

G. Awards Chairman: Absent and no Report.

H. Webmaster: Steve Kluskens reported that the WFSC website experiences about 8,000 page views each month, an increase in the numbers from last year. At least 100 people have looked at each club's page. The show calendar is of interest to many people, so continue to send information about your club's shows. There is an online exhibit section with about a dozen online exhibits. Steve added that he provided support to clubs for their presence on the website. He also assisted the Wisconsin Postal History Society with their forum.

I. Speakers Bureau: Karen Weigt reported that there are no new listings this past year. You can find the Speakers Bureau list on the WFSC webpage.

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

A. Bids for Future Conventions: Karen Weigt asked for volunteers for WISCOPEX 2014. Karen indicated that even if there is no WISCOPEX, there still must be a WFSC Annual Business Meeting. There was some discussion of possible venues and sponsoring clubs.

B. Milwaukee Philatelic Society will host WISCOPEX in 2015.

C. WISCOPEX 2016: No volunteers as of yet.

D. Sheboygan Stamp Club has booked its show on the same dates as Central Wisconsin Stamp Club's CENWISPEX. That undercuts the attendance at both shows. Karen Weigt will contact the

Sheboygan Stamp Club to discuss this problem with that group.

Appointments:

A. The Standing Committee on Exhibitions remains the same with Chairman John Paré, Larry Glenzer, and Bob Voss.

B. The Nominating Committee for 2014 has Brian Liedke as chair with Maurice Wozniak and Greg Schmidt.

C. The Hall of Fame Committee will be comprised of Chairman Robert Mather, Maurice Wozniak and Greg Schmidt.

D. Aimée Devine will continue as newsletter editor.

E. Closed Albums: This year, the WFSC lost the following members: Frank Boushley, Roland Luschinger, Wallace Cleland, James Marsten, Bruce Baumler. The Federation held a moment of silence in their memory.

Moved by Northwoods Philatelic Society and seconded by Wauwatosa Philatelic Society a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Grant, WFSC Secretary 

CALL FOR MATERIALS

Your input into *Across the Fence Post* is not only important on a regular basis, but is also urgently needed. Please consider writing a letter to the editor, a feature, or even a caption for your favorite cover or philatelic item. Perhaps you have a story about how you got started collecting— send it in by 9/15/13 for the October issue which will be about stamp collecting. The November issue will be called, "Thanks for the Memories." Maybe you have a favorite philatelic memory you'd like to share. If so, that deadline is 10/15/13.

Please send submissions to:

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Thank you!