

2019 WFSC Annual Business Meeting Minutes

President Karen Weigt called the 88th Annual Business Meeting to order at 1 p.m. and read the WFSC invocation. Because WFSC Secretary Clarence Davis had recently undergone major heart surgery, Karen took over secretary duties and read the roll call of clubs. The following list of 11 clubs were represented with delegates. Each delegate was given a packet containing a book titled “A History of Britain in Thirty-Six Postage Stamps,” and a “mystery envelope” to use as a gift, prize, auction lot, etc., at a club meeting. Additional items were an example of a bookmark that could be used as a club publicity item and a flier explaining an offer of \$5 for a one-page Pan-African exhibit for MILCOPEX. The \$5 to be donated to either MILCOPEX or the WFSC.

Badger Stamp Club, Baraboo Area Stamp Club, Fond du Lac Stamp Club, Green Bay Philatelic Society, Janesville Stamp Club, Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Waukesha County Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, Wisconsin Postal History Society, Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society.

Treasurer Al Vick reported the WFSC currently consists of 24 member clubs with a total of 714 individual members.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 87th Annual Business Meeting held May 5, 2018, at Reedsburg, Wis. MOTION PASSED

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President – Karen Weigt

Throughout the past year, Karen presided over all Executive Board meetings; had contact with all WFSC officers, committees and appointees; had contact with many of our WFSC clubs in one way or another; staffed the WFSC table at MILCOPEX 2018; produced a first-day cover for the Flag Act of 1818 issue and participated at the ceremony in Appleton, Wis.; produced the WISCOPEX 2019 logo and cancel for the show cover; regularly contributed to *Across the Fence Post* and assisted with its production; started the process of digitizing past newsletter issues 1979 to 2005; helped coordinate an indexing of newsletter issues 1999 to 2018 (plus the 2019 issues to date) with indexer, Darlene Waterstreet, of Two Rivers, Wis.; coordinated the WFSC’s show calendar and produced the annual show/bourse/club meeting info flier; enjoyed the opportunity to work with many Wisconsin philatelists in sustaining the WFSC’s standing as a premiere organization.

Due to health issues there were no reports from Vice President Greg Schmidt and Secretary Clarence Davis.

Treasurer – Al Vick

During the past year Al maintained the financial management of WFSC accounts; prepared quarterly reports for review by the Executive Board; prepared the annual report is prepared for the Annual Business Meeting, which includes membership totals; attended Executive Board meetings and the annual meeting; processed and disbursed philatelic donations received by the WFSC consistent with Executive Board instructions; ensured that audits are done every two years (next audit will be done early in 2020 for 2018 and 2019 calendar years); chaired the Finance Committee; filed annual state and federal non-profit corporation returns.

Copies of the January 1 through December 31, 2018 financial statement indicating a total balance of \$11,316.90 were distributed. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial statement. MOTION PASSED**

VP Youth Division – MaryAnn Bowman

Throughout the past year, MaryAnn offered resources and support for clubs and individuals with emphasis on local promotions of stamps with youth and beginners - most recently working with the Northwoods Philatelic Society and “The Stamp Network” at Colfax Elementary School; offered guidance to two national-level stamp shows regarding activities for their youth areas; wrote bi-monthly columns for the ATA and AFDCS with ideas, suggestions and activities for youth programming; worked up and prepared donations for youth and beginning adult outreach programs; solicited monetary donations on behalf of the ATA for the reprinting of “The Magical World of Stamp Collecting.”

Northeast Region VP – Ray Perry

Ray reported that he visited the Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club and the Oshkosh Philatelic Society; will attend the annual Wisconsin Postal History Society meeting; regularly attended his home club Green Bay Philatelic Society meetings; plans to visit the Outagamie Philatelic Society; assisted getting back issues of *Across the Fence Post* to Darlene Waterstreet for indexing.

East Central Region VP – Don Kurki

Don reported that on June 27, 2018, the Sheboygan Stamp Club held a program "Stamp Camp for Kids" at Cascade, Wis. (he was unable to attend); for October 2018 National Stamp Collecting Month, he donated a MNH RW 58 Federal Duck stamp to each club in his region for use as a door prize or auction item; the Fond du Lac Stamp Club celebrated their 87th anniversary on March 21, 2019, with guest Wayne Youngblood speaking on the topic of the enjoyment of being a member of a stamp club.

Central Region VP – Chuck Rebek

Chuck reported that the Central Wisconsin Stamp Club is active with about 15 members at each meeting, where several alternate presenting a program; it sponsors an annual show (bourse); has trouble getting kids involved; has a few new members but they are older. Chippewa Valley Stamp Club has not met at their usual location for two years but occasionally meets in members' homes; have no new members. Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society membership is steady with six to eight attending meetings; added one new member this year; annual auction draws best turnout of the year; received a large stamp accumulation where members bought some of the material and a dealer bought some postcards, which resulted in raising \$100 for the club and a donation of \$450 to the local humane society. Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club membership is steady but only six to eight attend meetings; attendance increases during the summer months; meetings include a 15- to 20-minute Q & A session and an annual auction in April; sponsor an annual show (bourse) in July.

Southeast Region VP – Art Schmitz

Art has visited the ATA Chapter No. 5, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, and Germany Philatelic Society (Chapter 18); provided a program for the ATA Chapter No. 5; spoke to non-philatelic organizations about stamp collecting and the role of the WFSC; advised some non-collectors as to options for disposing of a stamp collection either by sale to a dealer who has advertised in *Across the Fence Post* or donating to the WFSC's youth program.

Southwest Region VP – John Paré

John is an active member of the Badger Stamp Club; he has attended shows held by the Janesville Stamp Club and the Tri-State Stamp Club and regularly sees members of the Baraboo Area Stamp Club.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Publicity and Public Relations Committee – MaryAnn Bowman

The committee promoted, encouraged, and supported club activities through a monthly column, “Connecting with Clubs,” appearing in each issue of *Across the Fence Post*; created an illustrated bookmark listing internet addresses for learning more about stamp collecting (Great for outreach programs! Available on the WFSC website as a free download.); organized a philatelic event at the Sturgeon Bay Public Library where Cheryl Ganz discussed how every stamp has a story; provided WFSC delegates a club gift to be used as a prize, auction item, or other incentive as well as an activity to take

back for club use.; attended and created first-day covers for the Flag Act of 1818 U.S. Postal Service stamp ceremony in Appleton on June 9, 2018; staffed a society table at MILCOPEX 2018.

No reports from Finance Committee, Judging Committee, Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee, Committee on Exhibitions, Bylaws Committee, Hall of Fame Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES/PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

Newsletter Editor – Alex Gill

Alex reported that all is progressing well. The July *ATFP* will focus on post-WISCOPEX and, if space allows, will include an article about the Richland Center Post Office.; the August-September issue will be dedicated to MILCOPEX with an article about South Africa stamps. Alex will contact other volunteer writers for articles for the remainder of 2019 issues.

Advertising Manager – John St. Onge

John reported we continue to have eight regular *ATFP* advertisers however one is currently dormant and has expressed his desire to have more and better content in *ATFP* before he resumes his ads; our current level of ads seems to be about the correct amount for our number of pages; one or two clubs have switched from full back page ads for their shows to internal ads as a cost saving measure; the last Christmas Greetings effort was a smash hit bringing in \$156 for the December issue.

American Topical Association Rep – Robert J. Mather

The 2019 APS StampShow/ATA National Topical Stamp Show combined events will be Aug. 1-4 in Omaha, Nebraska, at the CHO Health Center at 455 N. 10th St. The show hotel is the Hilton Omaha Hotel located at 1001 Cass St. It has an overhead walkway to the convention center. Room rates are \$138 per night. The hotel phone number is 402-998-3400. If driving to the show, it is a 7.5- to 8-hour drive. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the ATA by Jerry Husak in 1949. Special plans are being made to mark this anniversary at the Omaha show.

Webmaster – Greg Riesterer

Greg reported that wisconsinstamps.org will be used as an additional domain. The wfscstamps.org website will undergo some changes as it is transitioned to a newer more modern platform.

Speakers Bureau Coordinator – Karen Weigt

Karen is always looking to add to the Speakers Bureau listing, which is posted on the WFSC website. See her if you or someone you know might be interested in being included on the list.

Facebook Administrator – Aimée Devine

The WFSC Facebook page is a great place for clubs to advertise their upcoming shows and show covers. Please feel free to send information to Aimee Devine (spanishmoss72@sbcglobal.net) and she will get it posted for you.

No reports from Editorial Advisory Council, Historian, APS Rep, Awards Chairman, Website Committee.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for Future Conventions – None

Treasury Balance Question

The Badger Stamp Club delegate related his club's question as to why the WFSC finds it necessary to carry a balance of \$9,000 to \$10,000 in its treasury. BSC suggests some of that money can be used to benefit clubs and promote philately. Treasurer Al Vick responded that it's only been the past five years or so that the WFSC has been receiving donor tax deductible collections that were broken down into auction

lots, with sales bringing more money into the treasury. Without that income, the treasury balance would be gradually declining with more general expenses than income. New tax laws make it very probable that collection donations will cease.

OTHER ACTIONS

Newsletter Digitizing Project Donation – The delegate from the Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club presented the WFSC with a check for \$115.25 for use in Phase 2 of the newsletter digitizing project.

Indexing of *Across the Fence*/*Across the Fence Post*

President Karen Weigt announced that Darlene Waterstreet, of Two Rivers, Wis., and a Green Bay Philatelic Society member is indexing WFSC newsletters. To date, she has completed a subject and auction index for issues 1999 to 2019. Karen distributed sample sections of the indexes that will be placed on the WFSC website. Karen also praised Darlene for all her work.

AWARDS

WFSC 2019 Dealer Recognition Award

President Karen Weigt announced that Bert Hart, of the Badger Stamp Club, Madison, Wis., will receive the award at the evening's Awards Banquet.

President's Award

Karen honored Bert Hart, Charles Shoemaker, and Myra Reilly for their 17 years of service as *ATFP* distributors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/2019

Brian J. Liedtke, Chrmn., Nominating Committee, presented a slate of candidates to fill the following positions: President (Karen Weigt), VP (Brian J. Liedtke), Vice President Youth Division (MaryAnn Bowman), Region VPs (Ray Perry, Don Kurki, Chuck Rebek, Art Schmitz, and John Paré. **On a voice vote, the slate of candidates was elected unanimously.**

APPOINTMENTS

President Karen Weigt announced the following committee and editor appointments: Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chrmn. Davis/Glenzer/Jobe & Grant), Nominating Committee for 2020 Convention (Chrmn. Liedtke/Wozniak/Schmidt), Hall of Fame Committee (Chrmn. Mather/Paré for Schmidt/Undersander), Newsletter Editor (Gill).

CLOSED ALBUMS

A moment of silence was observed for the following deceased within the past year: Don Huebner, Sharon Paetzoid, Ken Coakley, Ken Morton, Frank Bontly, Art Menz.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.