

WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

91st CONVENTION

2023 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 11 a.m.

Each club is entitled to one delegate (and one alternate) to the Annual Business Meeting. Delegates and alternates must have been registered with the WFSC secretary at an earlier date. Only delegates or alternate delegates may vote. No delegate may represent more than one club. No WFSC officer shall serve as a voting delegate.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Greenwald) The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am.
2. INVOCATION (Liedtke)
3. ROLL CALL OF CLUBS (Davis) Delegates were present from Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society, Fond du Lac Stamp Club, Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club, Sheboygan Stamp Club, Green Bay Philatelic Society, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Waukesha County Philatelic Society, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, Badger Stamp Club, Baraboo Stamp Club, and Rockford Stamp Club
4. MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Rees) 641, an increase of 9.6%, with ATA#5 not reported.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Saturday, April 9, 2022 Annual Business Meeting. Unanimous (Central/Milwaukee)
6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - A. President (Greenwald)
Fulfilled duties and gave advice as asked.
 - B. Vice President (Liedtke)
Thanked volunteers: New ATP Editor Kowalski, WISCOPEX Chair Stollenwerk, Show calendar Riesterer, eblast editor Liedtke. Conducted a round table on health of various stamp shows around the state.
 - C. Secretary (Davis)
Developed agendas and maintained minutes for Federation meetings. Handled some correspondence as requested.
 - D. Treasurer (Rees)
Distributed with agenda.
 - E. Vice President, Youth Division (Bowman)
Due to ongoing concerns related to the pandemic, youth activities have been very much restricted and personal interaction with youth or beginners has been limited and virtually non-existent in many cases. I continue to offer my assistance and resources as needed, providing stamps and some basic supplies to those making inquiries. A youth area was available at the WISCOPEX 2022 show. I continue to write for and about youth in the journals for the American Topical Association and for the American First Day Cover Society.
 - F. Northeast Region VP (Perry)
Visited all regional clubs. Escanaba plans a show in August. Green Bay will share its mailing list.
 - G. East Central Region VP (Manka)
Attended meetings of the East Central stamp clubs and can report that Sheboygan Club, the Fond du Lac Club and Kettle Moraine Clubs have selected delegates to the WISCOPEX business meeting on May 6th. The Fond du Lac Club had their anniversary dinner in March and a Pick and Poke session after their

regular meeting. The Sheboygan club continues to have Club and members auctions following their regular meetings. The Kettle Moraine has a new meeting location of the West Bend Public Library and meet at 7:00pm. They continue to have a show and tell at their meeting for both stamps and coins. They have also updated their member roster and contact information. All clubs look forward to attending WISCOPEX 2023.

- H. Central Region VP (Rebek)
 - I. Southeast Region VP (Trischan)
Clubs are doing well and preparing for shows.
 - J. Southwest Region VP (Lothary)
I attended several club meetings for the Badger Stamp Club and they are having good attendance with many fun auctions. Their President, Ray Gauss had medical problems and couldn't attend several meetings but vice-president Dave Dyer stepped up to take his place. The Janesville Club had a great Bourse and they are already planning to have a show next February. They have good attendance at their meetings and we were proud to support member Aimee Devine for her WFSC Hall of Fame nomination. Rockford Stamp Club had a great show but they are looking for a new location for next year. Rockford has twice monthly meetings, which are well attended with nice auctions and trading by its members. Baraboo started meeting again. Monroe had their show in October but has not met lately for meetings because of low attendance. Tri-State club is still holding regular meetings and their attendance has risen greatly with five new members actively attending.
7. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (except Hall of Fame and Nominating committees)
- A. Finance Committee (Chair Rees/ Shoemaker/Paré)
 - B. Publicity and Public Relations (Chair Bowman/Grant/Devine/Weigt)
The goal of this committee is to keep philately alive and promote the hobby to WFSC clubs and their members. Club news continues to be offered through a column in Across the Fence Post. Unfortunately, only 6 clubs provide information about the activities of their club. If you are not reading about your club in ATFP, please have your leadership send information to me via email or snail mail. Although stamp shows and other philatelic events are beginning to show signs of revival, ways were found to keep members engaged. For example: eblasts have regularly been sent out informing members of news items and program possibilities. The ATA #5 has been recording their Zoom programs and the videos are available on the WFSC YouTube channel for viewing by the public. The Milcopex website also has videotaped programming from the presentations given at previous Milcopex shows. At WISCOPEX 2022, a presentation offered suggestions for educational club programming. Your ideas as to how better to promote the hobby and stamp collecting are welcomed.
 - C. Judging Committee (Chair Henak/Wait)
 - D. Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Voss/Liedtke/Davis)
 - E. Bylaws Committee (Chair Henkle/Borchert/Weigt)
No business came before the committee.
8. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES
- A. Newsletter
Editor (Kowalski)
The Federation purchased a license for Microsoft Publisher, which I used to put together the 12-page April-May-June Across the Fence Post. I have begun the July-August-September issue and expect to have it posted online and sent to the printer by late June.
Advertising Manager (Liedtke)
Editorial Committee (Chair Perry/Devine/Bowman/Liedtke/Waterstreet)
 - B. Historian/Archivist (Davis)

Responded to one request for information and received some philatelic material for the archive.

- C. American Philatelic Society Rep (Vick)
Free APS Chapter dues are not automatic. They must be applied for annually. As the APS Representative I submitted our free dues report last year. I am happy to report that again for 2023 our Chapter dues are free.
 - D. American Topical Association Rep (Mather)
 - E. Awards Chairman (Undersander)
 - F. Webmaster (Riesterer)
 - G. Website Committee (Chair Riesterer/Bowman/Devine/Greenwald/Henkle)
 - H. Speakers Bureau Coordinator (Weigt)
 - I. Facebook Administrator (Devine)
9. NEW BUSINESS
- A. Bids for Future Conventions (Greenwald) No clubs volunteered. With WFSC financial backing, FDL can provide volunteer help.
 - 1. 2024 – FDL, venue TBD
 - 2. 2025 – Open
 - 3. 2026 - Open
 - B. Call for Motion to Designate WISCOPEX 2024 a WFSC-Sponsored Event (Greenwald) Unanimously approved (Milwaukee/Fond du Lac)
 - C. Discussion of state of shows in Wisconsin, including local club shows, MSDA shows, WISCOPEX hosts, and MILCOPEX. Handled under VP Liedtke's report.
 - D. Other New Business
10. AWARDS
- A. Hall of Fame – Class of 2023 (Chair Undersander/Carney/Wait)
Aimee Devine unanimously approved (Badger/Baraboo)
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/23
- Nominating Committee Report (Chair Liedtke/Weigt) Unanimously approved (Central/Badger)
- 1. President (2-year term) Greenwald
 - 2. Vice President (2-year term) Liedtke
 - 3. Vice President Youth Division (1-year term) Bowman
 - 4. Five Region Vice Presidents (1-year term) Rebek, Manka, Perry, A. Trischan, Lothary
12. APPOINTMENTS
- A. Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Liedtke/Davis/Stollenwerk)
 - B. Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Carney/Wait/Perry).
 - C. Nominating Committee for 2024 Convention (Chair Liedtke/ Weigt)
 - D. Newsletter Editor (Kowalski)

13. CLOSED ALBUMS (honoring members of WFSC member clubs who have died during the year)

Jim Byrne (Northwoods, GB, WPHS, ATA5)

Ken Grant (Baraboo)

Manfred Angermann (Janesville)

Ron Martini (Monroe)

Mike Marx (Monroe)

Paul Timm (Sheboygan)

Jim L. White (Waukesha)

Maurice Wozniak (Central)

Mary Yahr (Milwaukee, Kettle Moraine, ATA)

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT Unanimous (Badger/Kettle Moraine) 12:00 noon