

Minutes
WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
85th CONVENTION

2016 Annual Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, April 30, 2016, 1 p.m. (check-in 12:45 p.m.)
Holiday Inn, 625 Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

CALL TO ORDER (Weigt): Karen Weigt called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

INVOCATION (Weigt): Karen Weigt read Bob Voss' invocation.

ROLL CALL OF CLUBS (Grant): Ken Grant read the roll call of Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club members. Karen Weigt welcomed the Tri State Stamp Club to the membership rolls.

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS (Vick): Al Vick reported that the WFSC currently has 694 paid members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Saturday, May 16, 2015 Annual Business Meeting: Wauwatosa Philatelic Society moved and Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club seconded **a motion to approve the May 16, 2015 minutes. Passed unanimously.**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President (Weigt) Karen Weigt made the following report:

- I have presided over all Executive Board meetings.
- I have been in contact with all WFSC officers, committees and appointees.
- I have had contact with almost all WFSC clubs in one way or another.
- I staffed the WFSC table at MILCOPEX 2015.
- I was instrumental in recruiting our new Tri-State Stamp Club member.
- I served as consultant for the Fond du Lac Stamp Club's WISCOPEX 2016 Planning Committee and provided direct assistance in several aspects of the event.
- I produced all the graphical items involved with WISCOPEX 2016.
- I have regularly contributed to *Across the Fence Post* and assisted with its production.
- I coordinated the WFSC's show calendar and produced the annual show/bourse/club meeting info flier.
- I will continue to try to sustain the WFSC's standing as a premiere organization.

Vice President (Mules) No report.

Secretary (Grant) Ken Grant submitted the following report:

During the past year, as WFSC Secretary I have: prepared and distributed agendas for WFSC meetings

taken minutes of Executive Board Meetings and circulated them to board members and interested parties e-mailed club contacts as necessary with WFSC information collected delegate information and documents for the Annual Business Meeting

Treasurer (Vick): Al Vick reported that he maintained the finances of the WFSC. The Federation does audits every two years. The last audit was conducted on the financial records of 2014 and 2015. The last audit indicated that there were no irregularities with the Federation's accounts. Al Vick reported that he filed all federal and state reports. Our opening balance in checking was \$2346.68 and a closing balance of \$4355.98 with a money market account balance of \$6304.90 yielding a total balance of \$10660.88. Fond du Lac moves and Northwoods seconds a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Passed unanimously.

Vice President, Youth Division (Bowman) MaryAnn Bowman presented the following report:
 Continued local promotion of stamps with youth and beginners.

Wrote bi-monthly columns for the ATA and AFDCS with ideas and suggestions for youth club programming.
 Active involvement with the chairman of the Youth/Beginner area for the World Stamp Show - New York 2016, the international show, planning and implementing activities for various age groups.
 Serving on the newly formed APS Collector and Student Education Committee

Northeast Region VP (Wozniak): Maurice Wozniak reported that he had not visited any of the clubs in the Northeast Region, but has kept in touch with the clubs by telephone and e-mail. Ray Perry, one of the members of the Green Bay Club has accepted the role as editor of ATFP.

East Central Region VP (Kurki): VP Don Kurki provided a report on the health of the clubs in the East Central Region. He attended the Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club meeting on March 10, 2016. The club has 52 members averaging 14 members per meeting. Established in March 1964. Had 200 members in the 1960's. VP passed out book marks, applications etc from APS. Question brought to my attention should stamp shows who attend (Ex \$2.00 admission) to off set expenses. Program on Expositions. Nice group of stamp & coin Collectors Don Kurki VP, East Central Region

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Central Region VP (Sagstetter): Mike Sagstetter reported on the Chippewa Stamp Club which has three or four members regularly attending. The Central Wisconsin Stamp Club has monthly presentations, and, in general, the health of the club is good. The Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club have about 22 members attending their meetings and have a genr—see sheet

Southeast Region 1 VP (Schmitz) Art Schmitz provided a report on his activities. Since our spring Board Meeting I have visited the following clubs; Wauwatosa, ATA #5, the German and Milwaukee clubs. The ATA, Milwaukee, and Waukesha Clubs are outstanding, each with good attendance. Unfortunately, there’s a question as to the future status of the Northwestern Mutual and North Shore clubs.

I’ve also spoken to non-philatelic organizations about stamp collecting and the role of the federation in Wisconsin.

Southeast Region 2 VP (Vacant)

South Central Region VP (Vacant)

Southwest Region VP (Paré) No report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
(except Hall of Fame and Nominating Committees)

Finance Committee (Chair Vick/Schroeder/Shoemaker): Al Vick reported that the Finance Committee met informally and that he prepares quarterly reports for the Finance Committee.

Publicity and Public Relations (Chair Bowman/Grant/Wozniak/Devine/White) Karen Weigt reports that the committee has been very helpful in providing advice.

Judging Committee (Chair Henak/Wait): Rob Henak is serving as judge at Wiscopex and was not available to provide a report.

Wisconsin Stamp Suggestion Committee (Schroeder): No activity this year.

Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Paré/ Glenzer/Voss): No report

Bylaws Committee (Chair Schroeder/Warner): No report.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES / PROJECTS AND OTHER APPOINTEES

Newsletter

Editor (Perry): Ray Perry provided a written summary of his activities: I assumed editor responsibilities for *ATFP*. Many thanks to Aimee Devine for her efforts as editor over the past several years.

Trained with Aimee for about 6 hours of face to face time, many e-mails, and countless phone calls.

May/June, 2016 issue of *ATFP* was my first as editor. It was delivered to the publisher on time.

Theme for the coming year will be our 85th anniversary with articles focusing on events and stamps from 1932.

Met with Aimée Devine to train on planning *ATFP* issues.

Communicated with rest of Editorial Committee on plans for 2016/17 *ATFP* issues.

Editorial Committee agreed on a broad theme for the year and individual themes for the monthly issues.

Began lining up authors for future articles.

Plans for the future include finishing up the plans for each month’s issue, identifying authors for the planned articles, identifying regular columns, and identifying authors for each regular column.

Advertising Manager's Report: John C. St. Onge

September, 2015: annual renewals of all three existing advertisers (D. Alex, JADECO, Oswald); promoted Econo-ad at MILCOPEX '15

October, 2015: holiday adds, six individual clubs, seven

Commercial Ad Placements

ATFP Issue	Number of Commercial Ads	~Number of Commercial Ad Pages	Commercial Advertising Revenue
September, 2015	3	0.5	\$9.25
October, 2015	3	0.5	\$9.25
November, 2015	3	0.5	\$9.25
December, 2015	3	0.5	\$9.25
January, 2016	3	0.5	\$9.25
February, 2016	3	0.5	\$9.25
March, 2016	4	1	\$29.75
April, 2016	7	6.25	\$254.50
May/June, 2016	5	4.75	\$181.00

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Other ongoing Ad Manager projects:

- Competitive advertising price comparisons, what others are charging for advertising.
- Printing and mailing cost analysis to determine if we are making or losing money.

Historian (Paré): John Pare is preparing to retire as WFSC Historian as of Wiscopex 2017.

American Philatelic Society Rep. (Vick): The biggest thing taking place right now is the APS election.

American Topical Association Rep. (Graffenius): Bob Mather reported that the ATA is doing well. They will not have an annual show as they do not have their show in years with an international show such as NY2016. In 2017, the ATA will meet in Milwaukee at the Crown Plaza.

Awards Chairman (Fagan): No report

Webmaster (Kluskens):

In 2015, website traffic dropped for a second year, now to 75,000 page views, but not not out of average for the previous five years.

The site continues to land on Google's first page when searching in Wisconsin for "stamp clubs".

Central Wisconsin Stamp Club is the latest club to take an interest in keeping their page up-to-date.

Questions are always welcome; my address is at the bottom of the home page.

Website Committee (Chair Mules/Kluskens/Bowman/Devine/Greenwald): No report.

Speakers Bureau Coordinator (Weigt): See sheet.

Facebook Administrator (Devine): Aimee Devine reported on the posts she regularly makes on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Bids for Future Conventions (Weigt)

2017 – Central Wisconsin Stamp Club: The dates for the show are May 6-7, 2017, at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

2018 – Open: Karen Weigt indicated that she hopes a club will volunteer for 2018.

2019 – Open

Call for Motion to Designate WISCOPEX 2017 a WFSC-Sponsored Event (Weigt): Fond du Lac moved Milwaukee Philatelic Society moved to designate WISCOPEX 2017 a WFSC-Sponsored Event. Passed unanimously.

Other New Business

AWARDS -- Hall of Fame Class of 2016 (Chair Undersander/Mather/Schmidt): Nominees for the Wisconsin Philatelic Hall of Fame this year are Benjamin K. Miller. Wauwatosa Philatelic Society moved and Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club seconded **the nomination of Benjamin K. Miller. Passed unanimously.** The second nominee is Clete Delvaux of the Green Bay Philatelic Society. Badger Stamp Club moved and Northwoods Philatelic Society seconded **the approval of Clete Delvaux. Passed unanimously.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – terms beginning 7/1/16

Nominating Committee Report (Chair Liedtke/Wozniak/Schmidt)

Secretary (2-year term) Ken Grant

Treasurer (2-year term) Al Vick

Vice President Youth Division (1-year term) MaryAnn Bowman

Seven Region Vice Presidents (1-year term) Maurice Wozniak, Kurki, Mike Sagsetter, Art Schmitz, John Paré

Moved by Wauwatosa Philatelic Society and seconded by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club **a motion to elect Ken Grant Secretary and Al Vick Treasurer. Passed unanimously.**

Moved by Fond du Lac Stamp Club and seconded by the Wauwatosa Philatelic Society **a motion to elect the slate of candidates for the Youth Division and Regional VPs. Passed unanimously.**

APPOINTMENTS

Standing Committee on Exhibitions (Chair Glenzer/Voss/Davis): Karen reported on the rotation of the standing committee on exhibitions.

Nominating Committee for 2017 Convention (Chair Liedtke/Wozniak/Schmidt)

Hall of Fame Committee (Chair Mather/Schmidt/Undersander)

Newsletter Editor (Ray Perry): Ray Perry was appointed for a year-long term.

CLOSED ALBUMS (honoring members of WFSC member clubs who have died during the year) Badger Stamp Club: Gary Zink and Duane Zinkel. Wisconsin Valley Philatelic Society: Dave Suelzer, Don Leitzke, Lorraine Ostrowski, Ray Schirmer, Alice Kolpitke. Green Bay Philatelic Society: Gordon Lindner. Central Wisconsin Stamp Club: Tom Sanford.

Announcements for the good of the order: Al Schmitz asked how the boundaries of the various regions of the WFSC determined. Racine and Kenosha are located in the South Central region and he believes that they should be located in the Southeast region. This will be addressed by the Executive board. Bob Mather as a member of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society reported that the Society is not happy with the timing of the delivery of ATFP, many of the issues arriving after the events it promotes. Karen Weigt will refer this to the ATFP Editorial Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wauwatosa Philatelic Society and seconded by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club **a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.**