

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
"Friendship Through Philately"

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 8, 2006, 9:00 a.m., *Ebony Room*
Double Tree Hotel
Dallas, Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

The April 8, 2006 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association's Board of Directors was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by President Jane King Fohn.

Members Present

Jane King Fohn, President
Arthur P. von Reyn, 1st Vice President
Raymond E. Whyborn, 2nd Vice President
Lyle Boardman, Treasurer
Carol G. Arndt, Secretary
R.M. Arndt, Director (2008)
James Berryhill, Director (2008)
Denise Stotts, Director (2006)
Jay B. Stotts, Director (2008)
George I. Woodburn, Director (2006)

Non-Members Present

Douglas Moss
Jeff Switt
Jonathan Topper

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 17, 2005 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association's Board of Directors were read by Secretary Carol Arndt. Denise Stotts made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by James Berryhill. The motion passed.

Agenda

Arthur von Reyn made a motion to accept a revised Agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Lyle Boardman, and passed.

Reports

The President's Report was presented by Jane King Fohn. (1) There were 140 entrants in the Holiday Youth Contest. The Texas Philatelic Association Board of Trustees has approved a \$300.00 budget for this project beginning in 2006. (2) Presidential papers from her term as President have been readied for the Wineburgh Library Archives. (3) The American Philatelic Society Annual Report was completed and mailed. (4) An updated Awards List will be prepared and distributed to Board members. Carol Arndt made a motion to accept the President's Report, seconded by R.M. Arndt, and passed.

The Southwest Philatelic Foundation Report was unavailable.

Lyle Boardman presented the Treasurer's Report (Attachment 1). R.M. Arndt made a motion to accept the Report, seconded by Denise Stotts, and the motion passed.

Carol Arndt, Secretary, presented information on the Forcheimer and Spalding Awards. The Spalding Award given to the TPA Chapter or unit whose members recruit the most new members will not be awarded as there were no eligible chapters or units. The Forcheimer Philatelic Literature Award will be awarded to Lyle Boardman for his

article, "A Stamp Extravaganza," *The Texas Philatelist*, Vol. 53, Jan./Feb. 2005. Lyle Boardman made a motion to accept the report, seconded by James Berryhill, and passed.

Douglas Moss, Editor, gave a report on *The Texas Philatelist* (Attachment 2). He requested any members attending Washington 2006 to write-up their experiences, and attach any pictures, for inclusion in the July/August Journal. He is working on plans for electronic publication of the best of "Crain's Corner" articles, and an index of Journal articles. Articles are needed for future issues of the Journal. Information will be published in the Journal regarding format criteria. It was noted advertising revenues were decreasing. This may be because the Association operates on a cash basis, not an accrual basis; and, possibly just a difference in the way the previous and current editors handled the fees. A letter of thanks will be sent to Norman Cohen for his time and monetary contribution to the printing of *The Texas Philatelist* in its new format. Raymond Whyborn made a motion to accept the Journal Report, seconded by Lyle Boardman, and passed.

Arthur P. von Reyn presented the Webmaster Report (Attachment 3). "Hits" are slightly down on the web page, probably due to less frequent update than in the past. The webmaster will again donate a year's hosting fee and domain registration for the web site. A motion was made by Raymond Whyborn, seconded by Lyle Boardman to accept the report. The motion passed. Jane Fohn made a motion, seconded by Carol Arndt, to write a letter of thanks to Art von Reyn for his donation. The motion passed.

Recess Board Meeting

Lyle Boardman made a motion to recess the Board Meeting until after the Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jane King Fohn, and passed. The Board was recessed at 10:00 a.m.

Reconvene Board Meeting

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m. with Arthur P. von Reyn presiding.

New Business

Announcement of Appointments by Arthur von Reyn. (1) Legal Counsel – there is a gentlemen who von Reyn can consult if necessary, but he does not want an "official" appointment or his name listed in the Journal. (2) Membership Chairperson – Douglas Moss and Arthur von Reyn will share these duties. (3) Webmaster – Arthur von Reyn. (4) Southwest Philatelic Foundation Liaison – Tom Koch. (5) Archivist – Jane King Fohn. (6) APS Representative – Jane King Fohn. (7) Awards Chairperson – Carol Arndt and Lyle Boardman will share these duties. (8) Youth Chairperson – Jane King Fohn. Denise Stotts made a motion to accept these appointments, seconded by George Woodburn, and passed.

Membership Survey Results were presented by Jonathan Topper. There were 170 respondents who spent time writing thoughtful comments. Over 50% supported a membership directory. Respondents wanted more Texas articles in the Journal. More complete results of the survey may be found in *The Texas Philatelist*, Vol. 54, No. 2, March/April 2006 or on the TPA web site. Lyle Boardman made a motion to accept the survey results, seconded by George Woodburn, and passed.

Membership Directory. Lyle Boardman made a motion to resurrect the membership directory, seconded by James Berryhill, and passed. The next issue of *The Texas Philatelist* will have a form for members to complete to either be listed in the directory or to opt out of being listed. There will also be a clause indicating this membership list is not for commercial use. It was suggested possibly this be a “glossy” publication with advertising to help defray expenses. Arthur von Reyn will discuss the printing of the publication with Norman Cohen.

Advertising Rates for *The Texas Philatelist*. Lyle Boardman made a motion to use the rates listed in the current issue of *The Texas Philatelist*, seconded by R.M. Arndt, and passed.

Proofreading. Volunteers were asked to sign-up for assistance with proofreading *The Texas Philatelist*.

Promotional Membership Rates. Copies of the March/April 2006 of *The Texas Philatelist* were mailed to 85 former TPA members with an announcement of a reduced rate for the remainder of the year. A motion was made by George Woodburn, seconded by James Berryhill, to have a promotional discount for 18 months of TPA membership, paid in advance, in the amount of \$15.00 through the year 2007. Motion passed.

The Texas Philatelist and Member Recruitment Budget for 2006. About 800 to 1,000 members are needed to break even on publication of the Journal. Norman Cohen printed the March/April 2006 Journal, and will continue to print it. The March/April issue's printing was subsidized by Mr. Cohen, and the Board needs to think about increasing TPA's payment until the Journal is self-supporting, and the printer is at least covering his costs if not making some profit. Lyle Boardman made a motion, seconded by George Woodburn, to spend no more on *The Texas Philatelist* and membership recruitment efforts than was spent in the past year. The motion passed.

Alliance with Oklahoma Philatelic Society. A suggestion from the membership survey was to collaborate with The Oklahoma Philatelic Society on their sales book circuit. Lyle Boardman made a motion, seconded by R.M. Arndt, to join in an alliance with The Oklahoma Philatelic Society to be part of their sales book circuit. Art von Reyn will draw up a letter stating our interest in having TPA members a part of their sales book circuit. We will offer to join as a society and pay dues, but no additional monetary offer. If additional monies are requested Mr. von Reyn is authorized up to \$100.00 annually. This is just a service to our members and TPA disclaims any losses. The motion passed.

Auction Schedule. The membership survey indicated an interest in an auction. Board members agreed to try an alliance with The Oklahoma Philatelic Society first. The matter of an auction schedule was tabled.

Time and Date Next Board Meeting. The next Texas Philatelic Association Board Meeting will be Saturday, September 16, 2006, 9 a.m., Greater Houston Stamp Show, Humble Convention Center, Humble, TX.

Adjourn

Raymond Whyborn made a motion to adjourn the Texas Philatelic Association Board of Directors meeting at 11:50 a.m., seconded by George Woodburn, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt
Secretary