

TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

“Friendship through Philately”

Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, September 15, 2007, 9:15 a.m.
Humble Civic Center
Humble, Texas

Minutes

Call to Order

The September 15, 2007 meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors was called to order by President Arthur von Reyn at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present

Arthur P. von Reyn, President
Lyle Boardman, Treasurer
Carol G. Arndt, Secretary
Jane King Fohn, Past President
R.M. Arndt, Director (2008)
James Berryhill, Director (2008)
Jay B. Stotts, Director (2008)
Denise Stotts, Director (2010)
George I. Woodburn, Director (2010)

Non-Members Present

Patrick J. Ryan, Sr.
Tom Koch
Bob Benner

Approval of Minutes

Denise Stotts made a motion, seconded by Jane Fohn, to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2007 meeting as written. The motion passed.

Reports

Arthur von Reyn gave the President’s Report: (1) Reminded members that help is continually needed for proofreading the Journal, and articles are always needed. (2) Volunteers are needed for many tasks within TPA, besides proofreading the Journal. Such things as working with the auction, manning the TPA “table” during stamp shows, donation of stamps for the youth Christmas Contest, and updating the TPA website. He also asked for assistance in updating the Texas stamp list (after 1993), and names of bourse contacts to send Journals/TPA applications. (3) The first auction did alright. Additional lots are needed for the second auction. There are about 40 lots which have been submitted to date. (4) Participation in the Oklahoma Philatelic Society’s Sales Circuit has been low. If you belong to a member chapter, encourage members of your chapter to participate. (5) The next mailout of the Journal will include a dues notice, a directory update form for listing in the TPA Membership Directory, and a ballot for election of officers. (6) Postage costs are rising, and we do not know how long Norman Cohen will subsidize the Journal. This means there will be a need for additional revenues. The question becomes, how to obtain these revenues? We need to begin thinking about the possibility of raising dues to help with additional revenues.

Lyle Boardman presented the Treasurer’s Report (Attachment 1). The deficit will be absorbed when dues are received.

Carol Arndt, Secretary, reported “new member” packets, which include a copy of the TPA Constitution/Bylaws, Charles Deaton’s book, “50 Years of Texas Philately,” (as long as supply lasts), and a membership card. The cost to mail this packet is \$1.65.

Tom Koch discussed TEXPEX 2008. There will be a national meeting of the Spanish Philatelic Society at TEXPEX 2008. He recommended TPA request room for their meetings now. Have requested a “bye” for TEXPEX 2009 because of APS AmeriStamp Expo in Arlington close to the TEXPEX 2009 date. There has been no formal response from APS as of this date, but informally this will be acceptable. Just beginning to discuss the possibilities of TEXPEX having some type of presence at this show.

Doug Moss, Editor of *The Texas Philatelist*, sent his report to the Board (Attachment 2). *The Texas Philatelist* was awarded a silver medal at NAPEX 2007. Advertising revenue does not begin to cover the cost of printing the Journal; and, given the response to solicitations for advertising, does not see advertising alone ever being able to cover the cost of printing the Journal in its present format. Appealed for articles for the Journal from TPA members.

Nominations Committee. Carol Arndt reminded officers whose terms were up and if they were planning to run for another term, that the appropriate form, and short biographical sketch were needed. Contacts are being made to find candidates to run for office.

Appointments

President Arthur von Reyn appointed Charles Deaton, winner of last year’s Forcheimer Award, Committee Chairperson to select the 2007 Forcheimer Award winner. Lyle Boardman was appointed Elections Credential Committee Chairperson.

New Business

Membership recruitment efforts and promotions for 2008. Suggested to advertise in other philatelic journals – classified in *Linn’s*, display ads in *American Philatelist* and *Texas Postal History Society Journal*, TEXPEX program, Houston Philatelic Society Newsletter, copies of *The Texas Philatelist* and applications at TSDA bourses.

Bylaws changes, Article I, Section 2; and, Article III, Sections 3 and 4 relating to use of proxies (Attachment 3). Article I, Section 2 states “The principal office of the Association shall be located at the residence of Edwin Christman, Jr. 5419 Jason Sreet, Houston, Texas 77035.” Rather than listing a specific name it shall read “The principal office of the Association shall be located at the residence of the current elected Secretary of the Association.” The following are additions to Sections 3 and 4. Section 3: “Proxy votes shall not be considered in determining whether a quorum has been achieved.” Section 4: “Proxy votes are permitted, but no member shall cast more than four proxy votes in addition to the member’s own vote.” R.M. Arndt, seconded by George Woodburn, made a motion to accept these changes. Motion passed.

Liability insurance for officers, directors and TPA Foundation trustees. Liability insurance cost is \$1400.00. This needs to be researched further for lower costs. Will discuss this again at the April 2008 meeting.

Automatic life membership for 40-year members having attained age 70. Jay Stotts, seconded by George Woodburn, made a motion for TPA to give a life membership to those persons who have been a member of TPA for 40 years and have reached the age of 70. The motion passed.

Development of standard operating procedures lists for officers. President Art von Reyn requested a list from every officer of their tasks and how they accomplish these tasks.

The Texas Philatelist budget for 2008. For 700 copies the cost per issue of *The Texas Philatelist* is \$2,290.00, excluding postage. Norman Cohen donates \$1,800.00 per issue towards this cost. TPA needs to work towards being able to pay more of the costs – more members, more advertising, dues increase, perhaps clubs pay for pages in the Journal to publish articles and/or information about their club and its activities.

Annual Meeting for 2009. Since TEXPEX 2009 will more than likely be “officially” cancelled due to APS’s AmeriStamp Expo 2009 in Arlington, a date and place for TPA’s annual meeting needs to be found. Lyle Boardman, seconded by R.M. Arndt, made a motion to have TPA’s annual meeting at AmeriStamp Expo 2009 in Arlington. Motion passed.

Next Director’s Meeting

The next meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association’s Board of Directors will be at TEXPEX 2008, April 19, 2008, Dallas, Texas.

Adjourn

George Woodurn, seconded by James Berryhill, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol G. Arndt
Secretary