

Minutes  
Hamilton Township Philatelic Society  
Hamilton Township Free Public Library  
Hamilton, New Jersey  
April 18, 2017

The April 2017 meeting of the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society was called to order by President Milton Keiles at 7:07pm with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 23 members, Hal Vogel, our guest speaker, and four visitors in attendance.

**Officers Reports**

The Minutes from the previous month's meeting are never read unless specially requested. The minutes are posted at the meeting and can also be read on our website.

Treasurer Dr. Ronald Gonzalez stated that there is \$3,083.58 in the Treasury. Ed Murtha made a motion to accept the report and Andrew Boyajian seconded the motion.

**Visitors**

Mike Bush – Hamilton – Acquired an accumulation of stamps – US & Foreign. He is considering what to do with them. His primary collecting interest is marbles.

Larry Koplik – Belle Mead – His Father passed away and while cleaning out the house Larry found his old US plate block albums and duplicate plates. Similar to Mike, Larry is trying to determine how or if to proceed with hobby.

George Baney – East Windsor – A friend of speaker Hal Vogel who also collects Polar philatelic items. He belongs to a good number of philatelic organizations. He also likes patriotic and WWII covers.

George Wagner – Cranbury – A friend of Dennis Kennedy, Ken Smith and Joe Manger. George collects stamps, FDC's and postmarks. He said that his primary interest is in coins.

**Old and New Business**

President Keiles advised the members that Dennis Kennedy has accepted the nomination for the presidency. Unfortunately, there were no nominations for the Vice President or Secretary position. Jeff Boyarsky did volunteer to be Vice President. No one offered to be Secretary. Dr. Ronald Gonzalez will continue being the Treasurer. The elections will be held at next month's meeting – May 16, 2017.

President Keiles asked about the status of the updated HTPS membership cards and HTPS name tags for new members. Tony Zingale informed us that he was working on the membership cards with Len deGroot and that he thought that all of the name tags were updated and available. Charlie McGinley advised Tony that he could not find his.

President Keiles asked if the HTPS Welcome letters had been sent to all of the recent new members and visitors. Secretary Murtha said not yet. He was awaiting the completion of HTPS membership cards to add to the letter. He was advised to just send the letters.

President Keiles asked if emails/letters had been sent out to the non-dues paying members. They had not but two were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Jeff Boyarsky suggested adding some penalty fee to late paying members. No motion was made on this.

President Keiles asked if HTPS has an EIN# with the IRS. Dr. Gonzalez is to find out this information the next time he is at the bank. President Keiles was advised by Secretary Murtha that the EIN# was not necessary for HTPS. This is based on some IRS ruling that Ed Murtha had found on the IRS website and had then sent to the Executive Board. Secretary Murtha is to find the IRS ruling and sent it on to President Keiles.

President Keiles asked if there was an interest in having an occasional day time HTPS meeting. Len deGroot advised the members that he has already had some discussions about having HTPS meetings at the Bordentown Senior Center on the Saturday morning of the Bordentown Bourse. Apparently, there is some interest in this. A show of hands of those who would be interested was taken. 6 to 8 said that they were interested and would attend. I am not sure what is supposed to happen after this. Vice President Kennedy suggested that we mention the possibility of having an occasional daytime HTPS monthly meeting in the upcoming Hamilton Hinge. His thought and hope is that we might get some positive feedback from former HTPS members and others who would attend a daytime meeting rather than at night.

HTPS member Don Getzin has graciously offered two US #11 – Type 1 & Type 2 for our next auction.

Vice President Dennis Kennedy informed us that The HTPS Stamp Evaluation is on and that it will take place on April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Cranbury Library at 10:30AM. Vice President Kennedy has also reached out to the Boy Scout's regarding providing help in obtaining the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge.

Stamps for the Wounded - Ken Steel advised the membership that John Hotchner acknowledged receipt of last month's shipment of stamps to the Stamps for the Wounded (SFTW) program. Another 6 ¼ pounds has been mailed to Mr. Hotchner. Thank you to our fellow HTPS members who make these contributions.

Andrew Boyajian informed the membership that he is selling his complete C.S. Anderson cover collection this summer through stamp and cover merchant James McCusker.

Joe Seliga had some question about a recent German catalogue produced by Lighthouse. I believe that Joe said that it costs around \$19.95 US. Klaus Wagner advised Joe that based on that price he thought it must be like the US catalogue produced by Mystic Stamp.

### **50/50**

Ken Smith won \$20 for the first 50/50.

Mike Bush won \$6 for the second drawing.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm after the talk by Hal Vogel. A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Holmes and seconded by Andrew Boyajian.

### **Talk**

**Hal Vogel** provided us a presentation on the Wilkes Antarctic Expedition. His talk ended at 8:33PM. President Keiles presented Mr. Vogel with a HTPS Certificate of Appreciation which was designed and printed by Jim Cope. A copy of Hal's award winning exhibit on the Wilkes Antarctic Expedition will be added to our website.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on May 16, 2017.

Submitted by  
Edward Murtha  
Secretary