

Minutes of the Western Philatelic Library Board Meeting  
February 24, 2010, 4:11 p.m. at WPL

In attendance: Richard Clever, Gil Goodrich, Pierre Hahn, Ed Laveroni, Stuart Leven, Roger Skinner and Jo Skinner.

1. The minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected.

2. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The question was asked why the Resolution approved at the January 27, 2010, to close the Investment account with Merrill Lynch had not been done. Roger expressed concern that not enough information or expertise in the matter had been brought before the Board prior to the vote and asked that the Resolution be discussed at our next meeting after Board Members could investigate the matter more thoroughly. The Board agreed to revisit the matter at the next meeting.

The Library Report indicated that there were 2 mail requests. One has not been answered since the letter was lost. Stu has received many email requests and has answered those he could and passed on to Roger those that required more research.

Pierre suggested that a sign-in sheet be made available to all using the library in person. Monthly total of users of the WPL, be they in person, through mail requests or email requests be provided to include in the BayPhil to inform the membership of the Library's usage. All agreed that we should start the process.

Membership Report: Richard stated that we now have 39 Complementary Memberships, 114 Life Members and 103 Members who have paid their 2010 membership dues. 37 Members have not as yet renewed their membership for the year 2010 and Richard is going to send them a reminder notice.

3. The Proposed By-laws will be printed in the January/February issue of the BayPhil with a post card inserted in the issue for the membership to reply if they approve or disapprove the Proposed By-laws.

4. WESTPEX Matching Binding Fund Grant; as of 2/24/10 the amount received from the FWPL Membership is \$2,355.00 from 67 members.

5. Funds from Gutterpairs: After Ed Laveroni made a personal call to Peter Gutter and explained the Board's position on the matter, 3 checks in the amount of \$500.00 each, was received. One with a February date which has been deposited, two with March 10<sup>th</sup> date with a request that the third check be held until April 10<sup>th</sup>.

6. IRS Report; Stuart checked with the IRS if FWPL is required to file a form for the year 2009. Since the FWPL's income for the year is under the \$25,000.00 limit no filing is required.

New Business:

A meeting is scheduled for FWPL at WESTPEX. More information as to date and time will be provided at the March meeting.

Pierre stated that archive.com (a firm in San Francisco) scans old and rare books and puts them on the internet. He asked if there was any interest in having them scan old philatelic literature. It was suggested that Pierre find out more information on the process for our next meeting.

There was also a discussion on possible changes in the production of the BayPhil. More information is being looked into.

7. Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.