

but the auditor could not perform the audit – so we will never know.

Al Bobrofsky had done research on what amounts would have been collected based on the cost of life membership at various times. But some information is missing on when transitions in the purchase cost occurred.

Steve Friedman said that we should add \$35k to the collected life member fees. Al Bobrofsky concurred that we would be at around \$50-\$55,000 by now, but since we at one time fell to \$10-\$15,000 in total available funds, we obviously have lost most of that money.

Joe LeBlanc said that our limit to cash on hand permissible is one-and-a-half times the previous years' expenditures – off the top of his head, that leads us to be able to keep only \$130-\$140,000

Ann Bobrofsky reminded the board that she had given to Tom Klunzinger, to her subsequent great regret, a file cabinet of all of these records, and apparently he has destroyed them.

Ray Dillard said it is funny that we've moved from being almost broke to having as much money as we do.

2. Membership Report

a. Member Totals: 484 regular, 20 honorary life, 464 life, 39 YN or Junior, 23 clubs – total of 1030.

b. Leon Thornton is our newest Life Membership Applicant. His name has been published in the MichMatist – no correspondence has been received for or against. President Kelly Finger noted that we tend to approve those against whom there are no comments. Greg Guseff moved, and Dr. Parks seconded, a motion to approve Mr. Thornton, which passed.

3. Budget MSNS – spring 2006

The spring convention profit of \$263 was a pleasant surprise, since we expected a loss.

4. 2006 Budget

We are on course so far. Silver was bought for our anniversary medals at approx. \$12/ounce.

5. Budget Fall 2006

Expense amounts have been increased to account for likely inflationary impacts.

Rolled quarters can't be done for the \$100 we usually pay Ray for rolling pennies!

6. Property Report

There are some increases to our property – let's discuss the Schook Estate and collection trust further into these minutes. Bill Summerell needs to order 40-50 more sign-holders. Frank Passic needs to buy more judge-sheet clipboards.

XI. Election

A. Ballot Status Secretary LeBlanc

Ballots and envelopes have been printed and prepared, and have been turned over to Pat Heller, the CPA who will be mailing, counting and tabulating the election results. The return and delivery addresses are Pat Heller's, and so the ballots are completely out of our hands at this point.

B. Friedman Complaint Steve Friedman

Steve Friedman complains that he was going to run for election, but was prevented from doing so by the following circumstances and actions: His mother-in-law was on a feeding tube that they were going to remove, and was in Texas; he spent 18 days with her, and upon return, he saw he had to return his nomination response that same day. "He could not fax it, but he mailed it that night. As a result, since he mailed it on a weekend, the postmark was 2 days late."

Joe LeBlanc explained that the constitution prior to recent revisions 2 years ago stated that the period for nominations to be made was April 1 – May 15. Acceptances were due by the end of May – giving a 2 week period for acceptances. The revised constitution changed the nomination period to April 1 – May 1, with responses still due by the end of May – giving a month period for acceptances.

Mistakenly, the old constitution nomination period was published this year, so we had to honor it. The board voted to do so as well. Joe had to send notifications at the same time to all.

Despite Steve's assertion that he posted his response at the beginning of a weekend, the postmark was on June 2 – a Friday – and the deadline was May 31 – a Wednesday.

There were suggestions that the constitution be changed in various ways – to automatically validate nominations of incumbents; to permit emails or phone messages as valid responses; etc. Kelly said that were he to be re-elected, he has already decided that he would nominate Steve Friedman for the first open position.

Steve stated he has no suggestion for correcting the situation, but has put the matter out to the board as a complaint.

XII. Old Business

A. CANADA Show Report Greg Guseff

Greg manned the MSNS table at the July CNA show. The new secretary of the CNA will visit our fall MSNS show and hold a reciprocally provided table there. Greg provided many copies of the MichMatist. At this and other shows, many comments were received from collectors and members about how to improve membership numbers and services.

B. Code of Ethics Update tabled to November. Mike Marotta No news.

C. Whitford Contract President Finger Contract prepared and signed by President, for Fall 06.

D. Communications Mike Dennany Mike Denany explained that there is little communication about activities except from Frank Passic. There is too little lead time for many issues. Need to communicate better. Stephen Friedman notes his email is stephenfreidman@msn.com – NOT spelled with a “V”

E. Dealer Table Placement President Finger President Kelly Finger deferred this issue because the convention manual rewrite is underway. It will address how to award points and tables, and will be brought to the board for approval.

F. Schlag Memorial Update Al Bobrofsky Enough money was raised to pay for the stone – pictures will be in the next issue of the MichMatist – and enough extra money was there to buy some landscaping next to the original cemetery marker. The stone was \$1475, and the total raised thus far is \$1810.

The Full-Step Jefferson Nickel Club – in Salt Lake City – has produced uncirculated and proof examples of the original Schlag design. 20 sets will be donated to our club for sale to raise funds to put up a Michigan State Historical Marker. We expect to announce in the numismatic publications when these will be available. Encapsulation will indicate that they are official Schlag memorial coins.

There will be a dedication of the memorial, perhaps next spring.

G. Board Hotel / Compensation Steve Marzilli This is regarding board compensation for out-of-town board members to receive a hotel room at conventions. The motion was tabled to this meeting at the April board meeting. Upon discussion, the 2nd was withdrawn. Motion dies.

XIII. New Business

A. Schook Estate Secretary LeBlanc

There was a sale of Florence's household items. Joe LeBlanc was present to purchase a few items of historical significance to the society. He also collected many YN-type items that did not sell, after the

sale was over. President Kelly Finger said these are general business expenses that will be covered.

B. Thomas Noe Secretary LeBlanc

He is a life member of MSNS. The press reports he has plead guilty or no contest in some criminal proceedings. Our constitution says a member may be expelled for such. The constitution doesn't require us to take such action. A motion was made by Carl Tackett, seconded by Mike Dennany, and passed, to not go any further with attempts to expel Mr. Noe at this time.

C. Larry Briggs Secretary LeBlanc

A dealer, Larry Briggs, disputed with Mr. LeBlanc as to whether he owed his bourse fee for Spring 06 yet. He was unable to produce a receipt. As of this spring he said he would try to find this receipt, but he has not done so. Therefore Joe states that he has not paid last spring's bourse fee. He claims to have paid cash to "someone near the MSNS table, that Ann Bobrofsky was close by," etc. Ann disclaims knowledge of this transaction and asserts that a receipt would definitely have been provided for a cash payment.

Carl Tackett moved, Mike Marotta seconded, and the board passed a motion that if he doesn't pay in full for the spring show, permissibly to provide a receipt for any portion already paid, he will not be eligible for a table in the fall. A letter to this effect will be sent via certified mail.

D. Stop Payment Check Secretary LeBlanc

A check was sent last year for an insurance payment. It was lost, and the board agreed to put a stop payment order on it for 6 months. Should we renew, for \$25-\$30, the stop payment order? The board agreed not to do so, noting that 6 month-old checks won't usually be cashable.

E. Fall 2007 Co-Host Secretary LeBlanc

We have no co-host yet. We have two letters of interest, from Downriver and Lincoln coin clubs. Bryan Malnar suggested that we need not give this to them yet, but have time to solicit other clubs to step forward. Mike Strub will put a notice in the next MichMatist..

F. Editor Compensation Mike Marotta

Mike Marotta moved, Larry Sekulich seconded, and the board approved (with Mike Strub abstaining) a motion that Mike Strub be paid a small bonus of \$100 in addition to his usual compensation for his improvements to the MichMatist.

G. Set Spring 2007 Bourse Fee Secretary LeBlanc

For the convention of spring, 2006 there was a less expensive bourse fee because we had ANA competition. Next Spring we need to decide whether to continue or end this discount. President Kelly noted that dealers had told him we would have sold the same number of tables last spring had we left the fee at \$350 instead of lowering it to \$290 as we did. Mike Marotta moved, Dany Rothfeld seconded, and the board passed on hand vote of 6 ayes and 4 nays, that the fee be set to \$350.

H. 501c7 Change Secretary LeBlanc

There will be a \$500 fee to the IRS if we make application to change our club designation thusly. It seems the board is in concurrence. Joe asked that the board approve up to \$800 to cover all expenses. Stephen Friedman moved, Mike Denany seconded, and the board passed a motion that we do so. LeBlanc to work with Jack Huggins.

I. Pruchnicki Trust Secretary LeBlanc

MSNS has been awarded a collection via a trust from a member who has passed away. Mr. Bobrofsky conservatively estimates the value at \$16,095, much higher than the estate's appraiser, who stated \$9730. Dany Rothfeld moved, Mike Strub seconded, and the board approved a motion that we put this collection into the Craig Whitford auction, and that the proceeds go only for educational purposes.

It was noted we are a 501c7, CSNS has made the conversion to a 501c3 permit donations to be made to them. 501c3 is an organization whose main purpose is education. 501c7 is more of a hobby organization.

Kelly pointed out that the idea of donating these proceeds serves as support for a petition that we might change our status to 501c3.

Joe LeBlanc noted that if we sell while we are 501c7, it will be a taxable event for us. If we can wait until we may become a 501c3 organization, it may be tax-free.

Craig Whitford offered to sell this donated collection for 0% seller's commission, only collecting the buyer's commission – just like the 1956 collection they sold earlier. The payout would occur in 2007, as there is a 45-day period between auction and payout. The collection would be broken into reasonable constituents, not one big batch and not one coin at a time. The collection would be in Craig's hands and insured, and he is bonded.

Kelly Finger suggested that we give the coins to Craig Whitford's custody for safety. The board approved doing this. We have one week from Craig to make our decision.

Joe LeBlanc and Al Bobrofsky requested to be compensated at the IRS mileage rate for the miles they have driven with regard to this collection. No formal approval of this administrative expense was necessary, and the expenses will be remunerated.

J. Alcohol Policy Mike Dennany

Due to complaints at previous conventions, we should prevent alcoholic consumption in any MSNS areas. Mike Denany moved, Mike Marotta seconded, and the board passed a motion that "No alcoholic beverages shall be allowed in any MSNS-controlled area during hours of operation."

The process if we find a violation will be to inform security.

K. BEP Attendance Ray Dillard

The Bureau of Printing and Engraving is available to come, and willing, but we have to produce a plan estimating attendance, and BEP then evaluates the plan. They cost \$6k - \$15k depending on their footprint. Michael Bean, who has a spider press, cannot come because of his anniversary. He can instead, however, print cards for us with his press for sale at the show.

President Kelly Finger asked Ray to discuss with the BEP and Michael Bean, to make a best decision.

L. Hotel Contracts Mike Denany

Mike Denany would like all board members to see copies of the convention contracts. In the past he has been told this is on a need-to-know basis. Mike Denany moved, Mike Marotta seconded, and the board approved (with one dissenting vote) a motion that after the hotel convention contracts have been signed, all members of the board shall receive copies.

XIV. Committee Reports

A. Anniversary Ray Dillard

1. 50th Medal

Dr. Parks showed the selected rendering for the medal. He asked whether we should include Bill Ewald's initials – most felt he should. He'll send the images to Tracy Tabor for posting on our website. Leon of SilverTowne gave us a deal on the medals - \$1100 for cutting the dies instead of \$1600. Gold medals – one ounce - may be purchased for \$30 over that days' spot, silver for \$2.50 over that day's spot. And any other strikes would be done only under authority of this board. We have already prepaid for 200 silver planchets. We will ask that these be struck as soon as practical.

2. Red Books

Whitman did publish the commemorative Redbooks – we will get them for about \$6 each. We ordered 500 but will get about 629. Whitman stipulates that these should not be sold, but must be distributed for free, or distributed in exchange for a donation. Bill Summerell suggested we

give one per dealer table. President Kelly Finger suggested giving a ticket stub with a redeemable portion for a Red Book.

3. Banquet

We have pledges to sponsor the banquet for \$2500. Some clubs are represented, so Ray Dillard would like to give the same sponsorship opportunity to the other clubs. Some surplus Redbooks could go to the clubs that sponsored. Proposed menus are in Ray Dillard's hands – they will cost MSNS \$35 and up – no decisions have been made. Still considering what to charge banquet attendees – but each will receive a Redbook.

Ray Dillard tried to get Ken Bressett to come speak – but he has family commitments – he will, however, be glad to sign a case of Redbooks for us. Wendell Wolka will be in Hawaii. Cliff Mischler has said he could serve, as keynote speaker.

4. Other comments

Ray Dillard noted that the ANA honored MSNS at their recent convention, at the behest of Tom Klunzinger, for their 50th anniversary. A photo op ensued.

Ray Dillard will have rolled pennies, as usual, and rolled on quarters for badges and presentation pieces – all on Michigan quarters, of course.

Dinner should not conflict with the auction. Auction is both Friday and Saturday night. Leblanc provided Dillard with some letterhead..

B. Exhibits

Frank Passic

Exhibits – all 110 cases – are filled up. We have Jack Huggins to help us certify judges, and we will give him a room for 3 nights. All exhibits will be due by closing time Friday, except for the Juniors. We are looking for sponsors for the exhibit awards.

C. Auctions

Bill Summerell

There are no new takers for auctioneers – we will have Craig Whitford for the fall. Additionally, Craig may consider showing coins at the spring show that are intended for a separate auction to be held within a few weeks after that show.

D. Past Presidents

Al Bobrofsky

NONE

E. Mich-Matist

Dr. Parks

There have been no complaints, only praise, for the MichMatist.

Joe LeBlanc indicated that Tracy Tabor needs to be more pro-active and responsive on the website changes.

F. Publicity

Mike Marotta

Mike is targeting publicity from radio, TV, and newspapers – and would like help. Bill Summerell suggests that we emphasize that at our conventions we will provide free appraisals.

G. Membership

Larry Sekulich

Larry enumerated a number of suggestions that he has received. At the next meeting, he wants us to vote on taking some of these actions.

Joe LeBlanc – when we invited back our 2004 drops, we got about 10 bad addresses and 7-10 renewals.

H. Convention Manual

Al Bobrofsky

NONE

I. Convention Committee

Al Bobrofsky

NONE

J. Finance Review - Audit Vice President Ann Bobrofsky

Ann reviewed the Federal 990 form and compared it to the 2005 Profit and Loss statement. All looks good.

XV. Committee Appointments

A. No Appointments

XVII. Board Member Comments

Don Charters is in rehab from heart surgery complications. Send cards to Village Coin Shop in Dearborn, owned by his daughter

XVIII. General Membership Comments

A. None

XIX. Adjourn

Larry moved, Mike Marotta seconded, and the board approved a motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm.