

N.S.S.S.

Presents

December, 1995

The year of 1995 has passed in a hurry and many great events and programs have passed under the bridge, you might say. We hosted the ATA show, Auction bucks was incorporated into the program and we, disappointedly, dropped the Reno Air Race Show. NSSS members provided us with very great and enjoyable programs. The refreshments provided by our members were greatly appreciated by everyone. Our picnic was superb and we are looking forward to a bigger and better one next year. Our mini-auctions proved to be a great source of excellent material for many. We acquired several new and dedicated members. We worked at trimming the budget so we can look forward to a better financial year. A fine lead-in for 1996.

1996 should be one of our best years. We have shown our strength in overcoming deficits and paved the way for a great new NEVPEX 1996. We will be seeing more participation in the activities of NSSS by our members. Auction Bucks was a great success and it will be better in 1996. New rules will be incorporated to correct some of the problems a new program discovers in its inception. We are sure we will discover more new and active members. We have 3 members that are still with us even though they live hundreds and thousands of miles away. We have members who drive 70 to 160 miles to come to our meetings. For those who live in this area the hardship of getting to the meeting should be very easy. Since changing the meeting time to 10 a.m. our attendance has improved. For a group membership of 40, the 20 to 23 who attend makes our percentage of participation excellent, as compared to many other organizations. So, let's make 1996 one of our greatest.

GENERAL MEETING, NOV. 11, 1995

Meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with Al Shay presiding.

21 members were present.

The treasurer, Kay Williams, reported NSSS has \$909.00 in our account.

The passing of one of great members, Walt Summers, announced with sadness. He was one of active members and he will be missed.

Jack Barriager reported on the response to his letter to the dealers that had failed to appear at NEVPEX-TOPEX show. The topic of dealers obligation to pay for their booths, brought up the subject of increasing the deposit for the reservation of tables to 50%. The present contract is still a good one and will be kept in its present form.

Al reported on his appearance at the Huffacker Elementary School to present a program on stamp collecting and its use in our public school system. There were 50 librarians at the meeting. It was well received. On Dec. 6, Al will present a similar program at the Dayton Middle School with a talk on stamps of Africa. On Feb. 3, 1996, he will provide a program at the Teachers Convention at McQueen High School. Great work by our president.

Tom Morrissey provided cover for the door prizes and Roy Zimmerman provided the refreshments for the day. Thank you.

Dick Dreiling announced that an agreement has been made with Hugo Havet to store his frames in his garage, thus reducing our expenses on the storage fees. The frames will be moved after this meeting.

Roy Zimmerman brought the subject of joining with the coin club in co-sponsored show for 1996. This will be discussed at the next meeting in November.

Door prizes were awarded.

Ruthe Dreiling noted that she has a P.O.Box key and would like someone else to handle this part of our operation. George Costello accepted the responsibility.

Ruthe also produced a letter from Boy's Town requesting stamps and stamp collections to raise monies for their operation. If anyone is interested Bill Brew has the letter and will give the information to you. This can be a tax deduction for you.

Dr. Sande donated \$100 to our funds and Jessie Rogers donated \$25.00 did the same. These donations are well-received at this time and NSSS is proud to thank all who have done the same.

The Auction Bucks Auction was the main program of the meeting. It was an exciting event and the prizes were superb. All members present had a great time. Those that did not get to use their bucks should save them for next years Auction Bucks Auction.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

C. Wm. Brew, Secretary

GENERAL MEETING, NOV. 25, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Al Shay.

There were 20 members and 1 guest present. Our guest, Ernie Smith, was recognized and welcomed by Al. He is one of the many new members recommended by Roger Lauderdale, owner of Silver Circle Stamps. Tom Morrissey provided him the information on our club.

Hugo Havet donated \$100.00 to help pay off the loan we had acquired. Thank you, Hugo.

Tom Morrissey provided covers for the door prize. We thank you, Tom.

Chuck Clipper noted the article referring to collecting stamps in the Dear Abby column. It seems that stamp collecting is receiving more publicity these years. We should see an increase in those participating in the great hobby.

At the first meeting in Jan. 1996, Bill Brew will provide a program on auctions. The program list and refreshment list will be passed at that time. So, be prepared to fight for the right to participate in next year's activities. Auction Bucks will be use again.

The NSSS Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Masonic Hall on West Peckham Lane. This is the same location as last year. The time is 6:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Check with Ruthe Dreiling as to what food you will be bringing. Lots of fun and lots of gifts. All gifts should be identified, if necessary, as to the gender it is intended for and they should be in the \$10.00 range. No garage sale items. Thank you.

There was a discussion on the NEVPEX 96 show. Should we have it at all? Should we participate in a co-sponsored show with the coin club? No decisions were made at this time. This is a subject that should be attended to as soon as possible. At the present rate of repaying our loan, its seems to be reasonable to believe that we do not need to join the coin club in sponsoring a show. Let's hear it from you members. If you cannot attend, send in your opinion to the Club. P.O. Box 2907, Sparks, NV, 89432. Get involved.

There was a suggestion to put in an ad in the Nickle Want Ads, requesting local philatelists to join NSSS. Also, George Costello, suggested a video program on SNCAT, this is public TV. George will provide the facilities and manpower to create the program. This would be excellent publicity for us. It was given the go-ahead by the members present. Volunteer yourselves, you will enjoy it and feel great about helping NSSS grow.

The frames have been moved to Hugo's garage by Dick Dreiling and the volunteer members and hired hands.

George Costello reported on the progress of the new hotel-casino-store development in Sparks, NV. Great Project.

George provided us with a great program on the interesting feature of stamp collecting by probing through a stamp dealers' misc. cover stock. He found many interesting cover's. He suggested those interested would find it an excellent treasurer hunt.

The mini-auction followed. I think a record was set. 31 items were sold and only 7 that remained. Better items and more aggressive bidding help made it a great success.

Adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

C. Wm. Brew, Secretary.

BOARD MEETING, NOV. 25, 1995

Al Shay hammered the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Those in attendance were Al Shay, Ed Hartley, Bill Brew, Kay Williams, George Costello, Stephan Boiadjiev, Roy Zimmerman, Ruthe Dreiling, Dick Dreiling and Ed Kotsull.

Bill Brew read the minutes of the last board meeting. They were approved by the members of the board.

Kay Williams provided the treasurer's report. NSSS has \$1256.00 in its account.

The old business was discussed. A preliminary budget will be presented at the next meeting. This will include our on-going expenses and the anticipated income.

We will be needing new business cards and George Costello will check with his sources on the cost of printing them. Also, we needed more stationary and envelopes and this will also be checked on as cost.

The frames have been relocated to Hugo's garage.

The post cards left from the Air Races will be placed on sale at the meetings until all are sold.

The checking account was brought up to date with all the necessary new signatures.

NSSS will need a volunteer to handle the stamps and etc. to be sent to Boy's Town. Please contact Al, if you would like to help out.

It was voted that \$500 be used to repay a part of the \$1500 loan. This motion was presented by George Costello, seconded by Ed Hartley and approved by all those present.

The final preparations for the Christmas Party were noted by Ruthe Dreiling.

The program and refreshment schedule for 1996 will be presented at the first meeting in January.

An up-to-date membership list will be forth coming. If you have any address or other changes, please contact Ruthe Dreiling.

The operating budget for 1996 was discussed.

The programs for next year will include 3 APS or other philatelic material for 1996.

Subjects suggested for the programs, next year, may include a members' bourse sale. That a sale where those members that would like to sell some of their material can, for A \$5.00 donation to the club, set up a table and present their wares. A white elephant sale was also suggested. Mystery boxes, made up of material we have in storage plus a donation of \$50 to \$100 catalog value of stamps to be placed in with those items, would be set up for auction. If any one would like to suggest some subject that we can incorporate into the program schedule, please call Bill Brew. 786-8071 or leave message.

Next board meeting will be Jan. 27th. following the regular meeting. Members are invited to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

C. Wm. Brew., Secretary.

Well, that's it for 1995. It was a great year and let's make 1996 a better. Bring in new members and let's grow.

That's all.