

Empire State

Postal History Society

MEETING OF JUNE 6, 1971 AT RIZZO'S RESTAURANT, ROUTE 5, UTICA, N.Y.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 P.M. by President DeGraff. Fourteen members and four guests answered the call. A quorum of more than ten members in good standing was declared present.

Minutes of the meeting of May 2 were approved as printed in the Bulletin. Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1971 was read, showing a cash balance of \$1,702.73. This is a preliminary report pending receipt of final bank statement and auditing.

George Bernadt reports 22 copies of the Calvet Hahn book sold, leaving 13 on hand and 1 for the permanent possession of the Society's library. A discussion of the Federal Post Office Book ensued. Moore asked if a copy might be donated to the New York State Reference Library. President DeGraff agreed he would make one copy available.

Todero reported that member Wiley had taken top postal history prize at the recent exhibition in Watertown. He asked if it was not customary for the Society to grant a certificate to local shows. He was answered in the affirmative, however, it is also customary for the show chairman to have the award prior to the show. Secty de Lisle was authorized to make the usual certificate available to the exhibit committee, for presentation to member Wiley.

Mrs. Nelson noted the difficulty in timing of the Bulletin mailing. It is not easy to obtain all the information, have it typed, printed and in the mail two weeks in advance of the meetings, if held monthly. President DeGraff suggested that a one-week lead time would not be an inconvenience and would give the people preparing the bulletin enough time to do their work. The main concern is to issue a regular Bulletin. (SECRETARY'S NOTE: The Constitution calls for a 10-day notification of meetings, except the Annual Meeting which requires a 30-day advance notice. It may therefore be necessary to schedule meetings at longer intervals in order to comply with the Constitution and By-Laws.)

Mr. Edward Fisk was introduced by Stevens. He noted the upcoming Rochester show, September 24-26, at which the ESPHS will have a lounge. It is the American Philatelic Congress annual gathering also. In the discussion, it was suggested the Society take two frames (16-page ea. @ \$4.00) for a display of NYS Postal History. There was unanimous agreement. Stevens will accept pertinent material and arrange the display. Members are urged to forward material prior to Sept. 1.

It was again brought to the attention of members that advertising to buy, sell or exchange is available in the Bulletin, at \$1.00 per inch (about six typed lines). In connection with unfinished business, de Lisle requested permission (granted) to place notice of final dispersal of the few remaining souvenir covers and labels of the ALBANY LETTER EXPRESS in the next bulletin, so the account could be closed and proceeds turned over to the Society.

President DeGraff invited the Society to hold its next meeting at his camp on Sacandaga Reservoir, Sunday September 12. The offer was enthusiastically accepted. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: June 9, 1971


Kenneth R. de Lisle, Secretary-Treasurer.