

Minutes of the Meeting of the Biology Unit
Held at NTSS, Milwaukee, WI
June 18, 2005 10:00am

The meeting started with introductions. Officers at the meeting were Fran Hammond, president; Alan Hanks, vice-president and editor, Chris Dahle, secretary; Laurie Ryan, treasurer; Fred Skvara and Don Wright, directors. Also at the meeting were the following members: Kris Linstrom, Ray Sullivan, Larry Davidson, Lois Hermann and Betty Yagi. Ranes Chakavorty was a guest.

Alan remarked that the editor receives no letters from the membership, He would appreciate the members letting him know how he is doing, both good and bad. The journal has been entered into philatelic literature competition. However, since the journal consists mainly of lists of new issues, it does not get any awards.

Having the web site helps the unit financially. It saves us paying postage for the journal. Please sign up for web delivery if you can get it that way. Life memberships are also a drain on the treasury. We do receive donations from many members. They will be listed in future issues. Fran would like to see more color images on the web site. Chris noted that the UPU web site which lists approved issues has good images, too. It can be found at: <<http://www.wnsstamps.ch/en/participating.html>>. The editor does not receive manuscripts with color images from all the sub-editors. The web archive will contain past volumes of the journal only. The web master was remiss in posting some too soon last year. We need to post a renewal form at the web site. More advertising will appear, too, and e-mail addresses of the officers.

The Mammals Handbook needs updating, but no editor has stepped forward. The Bird handbook does, too. There is a new Stanley Gibbons catalog for birds, but it has no cross-references. Domfil catalogs for birds are not very useful.

Sources for new issues are generally Scott Stamp Monthly and Linn's Stamp Weekly. There is a web site that has great information on fish at <www.fishbase.org> with pictures. Also a butterfly taxonomy site in Germany. Editors of the bird lists cross-check with people in Europe.

Alan had some material to sell: stationery with shells, and an album with stamps of series from which the bugs have been culled. Members who would like to exchange similar stamps should contact the editor. Some dealers (e.g. Eastern Shore) will buy back some of these stamps.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$16,613. Income from dues does not cover costs of publishing the journal. The unit received \$70 in gifts this year. It is hard to compare expenses for the past year to previous years as this was the first full year since the web site started.

There was no Secretary's report as the records of the treasurer and secretary are being compared.

The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock. Respectfully submitted, Chris Dahle, Secretary.