

Springfield Stamp Club (SSC) Minutes, November 1, 2017

President Neal Parr called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 15 members present.

The Secretary read the minutes and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer gave his report and it was approved as presented.

Old Business

Neal Parr stated he had taken 21 boxes of club donated philatelic material to the American Philatelic Society (APSP) in Bellefonte, PA on October 27. Also, five boxes of material donated by club member Otto Thamasett were delivered. He was accompanied by club members Gerry Frazier and Eugene Mszar. The APS sponsored a United Nations Philatelic Exposition October 27-28, which they attended.

Neal reminded us that next week (November 8) will be our first silent auction. Neal said he had Wayne Worthington send out a sample bid sheet over the internet. If anyone did not receive one, please contact Neal. Neal also said that Wayne Worthington and Gerry Frazier were working to improve and clarify our website.

Gerry Frazier, SPRINGPEX'18 Chairman, provided an update on SPRINGPEX'18. He said that 22 dealers have confirmed their spaces. We are looking for a total of 26, and Gerry is working the issue. Cal McWhirter stated he is reworking his flyer for the SPRINGPEX show.

Neal reminded us that club officers must be elected at the first business meeting in January. He asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Rory Souther and Otto Thamasett are the two volunteers that have stepped forward for the nominating committee and will prepare a slate to present at our business meeting. We are seeking to have a slate in place by early December. Anyone wishing to run for a club office should speak to Rory or Otto.

New Business

Neal has a letter from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum seeking a donation. We have donated \$200 in the past few years, and Neal felt it appropriate to continue that donation. Funds for this donation were approved in the current club budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved to make a donation of \$200 to the Postal Museum this year.

Neal covered the November schedule, which besides the silent auction on Nov. 8, will also have a meeting day fall out (Nov. 22) due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will have our normal auction on the last Wednesday in November (29th). On November 1, Mac Surreal is will do a presentation titled "Stamp Collecting Strategies and Outreach Programs."

The Christmas party will be on December 6, and we are fortunate that Vera Souther will once again be a key organizer. All members and their spouses or significant others are invited.

Pat Kuch remarked on the new APS magazine, and noted that Tom Pratuch, who had an article in a prior issue, received mention in a letter to the editor. Jerry West noted that Gannon Sugimura had also contributed an article to the November issue.

Gerry Frazier noted that as a byproduct of the donation trip to APS, he visited the library and highly recommended it. He noted that APS has now added an extensive internet search capability, which includes philatelic libraries throughout the US.

Cal McWhirter spoke about a delayed request for SPRINGPEX'17 show cachets that was misaddressed.

Neal spoke about the UN Show at APS. He said that they unveiled a sheetlet commemorating the UN Declaration on Human Rights, which comprises three stamps, one in English, and another in French and a third in German. He noted that there were only 5 dealers and that there was no program for either the UN First Day Ceremony nor for the show.

Announcements

John Adams said that Doug Easton, a prior SSC member, who was very active in the club and a former club president, has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

There will be a stamp show at the Fairfax Elks Lodge, November 25-26. This show, also known as STAMPFEST, is one of the strongest shows in the area with 25 or so dealers, many of whom will be at SPRINGPEX.

There was a motion to adjourn, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:15.

v/r

Jack Townsend

Secretary