

3 January 2024

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 3 JANUARY 2024 BUSINESS MEETING

President Jack Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with ten members present. He welcomed all to the first Springfield Stamp Club meeting of 2024. The Secretary read the minutes of the 15 November 2023 meeting and they were accepted as read. The Treasurer made his report and it was accepted as presented.

Sadly, previous President David Baron passed away last month and he will be missed by all Club members. Due to his death the slate of candidates for the 17 January Election of 2024 officers requires adjustment. As of 3 January the new slate consists of Jack Ginsburg for President, Jack Townsend for Vice-President, Rory Souther for Treasurer, and Bill Geary for Secretary..

OLD BUSINESS

2023 SSC CHRISTMAS PARTY: All agreed the Christmas Party was a notable success with 23 members and guests attending. Special thanks were extended to those who worked so effectively to make it a success.

SPRINGPEX: Chairman Kevin Hans announced that 23 dealers have made plans to staff tables at SPRINGPEX and about three more will likely opt to participate. Some dealers have already submitted their reservation fee and the remainder are asked to submit half of the fee by the end of January.

Kevin emphasized that a volunteer is needed to prepare the Show Program. Advertisement costs will be the same as last year. Dealers appearing at the upcoming Bourse at the Elks Club will be approached for their interest in purchasing advertising space in the Program.

NEW BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF SCOTT PUBLICATIONS: Neal Parr noted that prior to his death then-President Baron ordered several Scott publications through the Club—publications that David's widow has no need for. Neal made a motion that, since five of these books would be of use to the Club, the Club accept the five volumes and reimburse Ms. Baron for them. President Ginsburg called for a vote on the motion and it was unanimously accepted.

CREATION OF AN ANNUAL AWARD: The Club received notable cash donations in memory of recently deceased members David Baron and Hal Gross. President Jack Ginsburg suggested that, in recognition of their support to the Club, the Club establish an annual award in their honor. The suggestion was well received, and several ideas were discussed. Because both were worldwide collectors an award for the best foreign exhibit at SPRINGPEX was deemed most appropriate. It would be entitled the Baron-Gross Award accompanied by a grant of fifty dollars.

Two approaches for deciding the winner each year were discussed. One approach is to invite SPRINGPEX attendees to fill out a ballot, the second is to have the SPRINGPEX Chairman make the decision. The two approaches will be discussed at the next business meeting.

THE CLUB'S 501c ACTIVITIES: Gerry West asked what the Club does to earn its 501c3ccreditation. Neal Parr said it is based on several actions, the largest being our conducting an annual public and free stamp show (SPRINGPEX). Other activities include donations to the schools and school organizations that assist with Club activities.

DONATIONS: The Club wished to acknowledge and thank those who have made recent donations of stamps. Significant donations have been received from:

Thomas Clements
Raymond Rozycki
Robert Schneider
Margaret Vanek

We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their thoughtfulness.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING: Next week's agenda includes not only the usual Silent Auction, but a discussion and exhibit of philatelic literature—should be quite educational.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

William Geary

Secretary