

20 September 2023

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with seventeen members present. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. No minutes of the 6 September 2023 meeting were recorded as the secretary had been unable to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

2024 SCOTT CATALOGS: Neal Parr announced that, as in previous years, Scott catalogs are available to Club members at prices well below market prices. This year five additional publications have been added to the list of available products. Members wishing to purchase any of these items must provide a check to Neal no later than 31 October 2023. The available products and prices are as follows:

2024 Scott set of Volumes 1-6. **\$465.00.**
2024 price for individual volumes. **\$82.50.**
2024 Scott Specialized US Catalog. **\$82.50.**
2024 Scott 1840-1949 Classic Catalog. **\$125.00.**
Scott Specialized UN Catalog. **\$32.00.**
US Counterfeits. **\$16.00.**
US definitive identifier. **\$13.00.**
US pocket stamp catalog. **\$29.00.**
US by grade. **\$26.00.**

Treasurer Rory Souther noted that the Club previously voted to purchase a new set of Volumes 1 through 6 and had budgeted more than the announced 465 dollar cost. A discussion arose as to whether the Club should then also purchase the Specialized US Catalog and the 1840-1949 Classic Catalog. A summary view emerged that the Specialized US was of greater use to Club members. A motion was made and seconded that the Club purchase the 2024 Scott Specialized US Catalog. The motion was approved by vote.

Gerry West noted that as manager of the Club Sales Books he has regular need to make reference to the catalogs. He made a motion that the Club adopt a policy to transfer old catalogs to the Sales Book Manager upon receipt of newly purchased catalogs. The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

DONATIONS TO CLUB: Website Manger Kevin Hans noted an increase in the number of non-collectors who contact the Club via our website. A frequent reason for a contact is to ask a question along the lines of "I have inherited a stamp collection and how do I go about disposing of it?" Such contacts are passed to Neal Parr for response. Neal took the opportunity to brief the meeting on the nature of his response.

It begins by discussing with the requester the general nature of the collection. If the collection may have commercial value and the owner wishes to sell Neal will provide the names and addresses of various dealers who might have an interest in the material. Included with the dealer information Neal provides information on how to protect stamps from weather, dampness, etc. and on how to reach a decision with a dealer. When the owner is more interested in acquiring a tax deduction he provides the identities of several charitable organizations, including the Club, to whom the collection may be donated.

President David Baron expressed satisfaction that an increasing number of non-collectors are finding the Club via the website but asked if the resulting increase in work is such that a helper or changes in the process are needed. Neal responded that for the moment it is best to leave the process as it is currently conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

SALES BOOKS: Gerry West said that there had been an increasing number of cover collections offered for sale at a per-cover cost at SPRINGPEX and NAPEX. Keeping track of the number of sales from each collection is a problem considering the overall activity at the tables. Gerry asked members for suggestions on how to best assure accurate record keeping.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

This week's discussion topic was "Using Ultraviolet Light." The various uses for identifying stamps were discussed and the cautions associated with ultraviolet were mentioned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

William Geary
Secretary