

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 20 APRIL 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM with fifteen members present. The secretary read the minutes of the 16 March 2022 meeting and they were approved as read. The treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented.

Jerry Frazier was recognized and thanked for his outstanding job as chairman of SPRINGPEX 2022. All members present immediately voiced their strong concurrence.

OLD BUSINESS

SPRINGPEX 2022

Jerry Frazier thanked the members who undertook the various tasks associated with SPRINGPEX, especially Rory Souther and Pat Kuch. He spoke of his eleventh-hour anxieties which thankfully evaporated. All the dealers were able to attend. The school's wrestling team were there on Friday to help with the heavy work. They were accompanied by their coach who did a very effective job overseeing the work.

Rory Souther reported that all tables had been sold at SPRINGPEX and the club netted about \$1400.

Gerry West reported Club Book sales of \$1265 at SPRINGPEX. A strong contributing factor in the high volume of sales was the fact that three tables were provided. The third table enabled the showing of larger lots which attracted buyer interest that in turn led to interest in looking at material in the books.

Neal Parr reported that the Sunday Breakfast at Embassy Suites had proceeded satisfactorily. The program was on target and went very well. Because this was the first time Embassy Suites was the venue, Neal earnestly requested feedback from attendees regarding all aspects of the Breakfast: quality of food, location, space, service, etc.

David Baron thanked Joel Wells who served as photographer at SPRINGPEX. Gene Mszar asked if some of the photographs would be posted on our website. David and Kevin Hans said our current website cannot accommodate photographs.

Gerry West asked if new members had joined the Club at SPRINGPEX. The answer was yes, at least one new member joined.

WEBSITE

Kevin Hans reported on the proposal he drafted for a website and then circulated among several members. He has incorporated their suggestions into a requirements draft ready to be discussed with potential providers. He is currently discussing the draft with a company known as Square State. He anticipates the cost of a site meeting our requirements will be slightly higher than the Club now pays, but the advantages of a site with the features we seek will be immensely greater.

Rory Souther said we will need an estimated cost soon in order to include the new costs in the 2022/2023 budget.

David Baron asked if the Club will require an internal-only email capability plus an external capability. Kevin and Neal said the Club should begin with an internal-only system and allow the system to evolve as we learn what could be useful to a wider audience.

NEW BUSINESS

SPRINGPEX 2023

Now that SPRINGPEX 2022 is history, the Club must begin planning for next year's SPRINGPEX. Jerry Frazier has chaired the program for several years and announced he is unable to continue. Planning takes much of a year so a new chairman must be identified soon.

MEETING CALENDAR

The Fairfax County Schools close for the Summer break in mid-June. Thus the final Club meeting prior to the break will be 8 June. Our 1 June meeting will be the final business meeting and the 8 June meeting will be an auction.

William Geary
Secretary