

1 February 2023

**SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE 1 FEBRUARY 2023 BUSINESS MEETING**

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with twenty members present. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. The Secretary read the minutes of the 18 January 2023 meeting and they were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CLUB'S SCOTT CATALOGS:** Joel Wells announced that he can no longer use the cart required to bring the Club's catalogs to meetings. A new means is needed. Several ideas were suggested, including acquiring a new cart and inquiring whether the school can rent the Club a locker for them. It was decided to ask the school if the catalogs might be left in the library where they would also be available for use by the children. President Baron will follow up with the school.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership Chairman Joel Wells asked members to delete from their personal computers any record that included the names and email addresses of all Club members. An updated list of names and email addresses will be prepared immediately after SPRINGPEX and the list will be provided in writing to all members. The Club wishes to ensure electronic lists do not get into the open systems.

**CLUB BOOKS:** Gerry West thanked those members who have already presented material they wish to enter in the Club Books for sale at SPRINGPEX. He recommended that those who still have material to include start preparing it soonest. He noted that \$2,500 of material was sold from the books at last year's SPRINGPEX. A member asked how the books are organized. Gerry described the organization as alphabetical by country.

**SPRINGPEX:** Kevin Hans reported that about 24 dealers have committed to SPRINGPEX. He will recognize them and cite their email addresses in the Club website. He noted that the deadline for signing up to exhibit is nearing. There is no new information about the status of the usual breakfast. The high school's Booster Club has been difficult to contact, but he hopes to gain contact with them very soon. President Baron noted that volunteers are needed to man the youth table.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:** President Baron reminded members that at the 18 January business meeting he suggested the Club begin devoting about five minutes at each meeting to a discussion of a philatelic-related issue and that the idea had been well received. Now, he noted, we need to plan how to execute the idea. He asked members to suggest topics to be addressed. Several were offered and the website will be used to seek additional ideas. He asked what period of a business meeting should be set aside for the discussion. Several suggestions were offered with a general conclusion that discussions be held after New Business has ended and before the members are asked for any announcements they wish to make.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business arose. The meeting formally adjourned at 8:15 PM. Afterwards Kevin Hans provided a most interesting presentation entitled "A Purchase of a Cheap Postcard Leads to a Discussion of the UPU, the PUAS, and More!"

William Geary  
Secretary