

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 4 JANUARY 2023 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with twelve members present and began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the first meeting of the year. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented.

The Secretary stated that in as much as he had been out of state during the last business meeting and had not as yet received his stand-in's draft there was no minutes of the 16 November meeting to be read.

OLD BUSINESS

ELECTION OF 2023 OFFICERS: President Baron noted that Club by-laws called for the election of this year's officers at the beginning of January. However, he noted that tonight's attendance may have fallen just short of the ten percent of membership required for a voting quorum. He called on Joel Wells, maintainer of Club membership records, for a status statement. Joel stated that the Club has a nominal membership of 129 people, but a couple dozen have not paid dues for years and should not be counted when determining whether a quorum is present.

The President called for a vote and the members unanimously agreed that the twelve members present represented a valid quorum and the election should continue.

Gene Mszar, chairman of the nominating committee, reported that he had spoken with several members including the 2022 incumbents about their interest in running again. Three incumbents answered yes, they were willing to run again. The treasurer noted he had served for multiple years and would prefer to yield the responsibility to another. He would be willing to work closely with a replacement until the replacement was fully comfortable.

Gene opened the floor to other volunteer candidates or nominees. None were forthcoming, so Gene formally offered the following slate:

For President: David Baron.
For Vice-President: Jack Ginsburg
For Secretary: Bill Geary
For Treasurer (until replacement is identified): Rory Souther

A motion was made and seconded to call a voice vote on the slate recommended by Gene. All four candidates were unanimously approved.

SPRINGPEX: Vice President Ginsburg announced that four themes have been suggested for this year's SPRINGPEX:

- The 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.
- Ukrainian resistance to the Russians.
- The 25th Anniversary of the Space Station.
- The ARTIMUS Return to the Moon Program.

Members expressed various likes and dislikes about the four and President Baron called for a vote on each. Nine members voted for the Space Station, eight for the Tea Party, and lesser numbers for the remaining two. Consequently, this year's themes will address the 25th Anniversary of the Space Station and the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party.

Work is underway to arrange transportation of the bulk materials needed at SPRINGPEX. Volunteers are sought to help tote-and-carry.

NEW BUSINESS

WEBSITE: David Baron and Kevin Hans have noted the effect of the website in bringing attention to the Club. Readers from afar have responded. One reader from abroad wrote to ask if any members would be interested in trading stamps with him—another expressed an interest in joining. Joel Wells suggested President Baron acknowledge such contacts by personally responding with a note of thanks or other relevant comment. David said he plans to do so.

LINN'S STAMP POPULARITY POLL: Bill Geary noted that the Linn's poll is underway. Neal Parr volunteered to make copies of the ballots and make them available to members. Bill will collect completed ballots and submit them to Linn's as the Club's entry.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

William Geary

Secretary