

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 7 SEPTEMBER 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with thirteen members present. He welcomed everyone back after the long hot summer. The treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. Reading and approval of the last business meeting (1 June 2022) was not required because they had been approved in June by the Club's directors prior to the cessation of meetings for the summer. A copy had been emailed to all members at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

DUES: Members were reminded to ensure their dues are current.

WEBSITE: Kevin Hans was recognized and sincerely thanked for the highly commendable work he put into creating the new Springfield Stamp Club website. It is now fully activated and available at springfieldstampclub.org. Kevin noted that it also works on smart phones.

The Secretary asked if members could submit queries on the website such as "can anyone identify the stamp in the attached photo?" After discussion it became clear that, while possible, the process would not be easy and does not offer a routine activity for the website.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES: Joel Wells announced that a new Membership Directory has been compiled and has been emailed to all Club members. Members' email addresses were not published with the list. The difficulty in compiling a 100% accurate list was discussed. In theory the list would consist of individuals whose dues were current. But for numerous reasons this approach has its limitations, not the least because members reside in so many states and submit dues sporadically or in batches or may not consider themselves still members because they moved away despite having paid in advance. The list compiled and emailed by Joel is essentially as complete as can reasonably be assembled. Please let Joel Wells or President Baron know of any errors or oversights.

Joel raised the question of how often the list should be updated. Kevin Hans suggested that, because the list is now available electronically and online, changes and additions should be made as they arise. There were no objections to the suggestion, but it was noted that some members do not wish to have information such as their telephone number posted online. Some information will simply need to be retained only in the Club's paper records.

NEW BUSINESS

SPRINGPEX: Kevin Hans noted that planning for SPRINGPEX must begin now. Foremost, a new chairman must be named. President Baron acknowledged the urgency, noting that putting on SPRINGPEX is the Club's most difficult task. He suggested dividing major portions of the work into different parts, each with a leader working under an overall chairman. He asked that members willing to take on one of the parts contact him by the next business meeting.

PRESENTATIONS: Jack Ginsburg announced that no presentations have yet been scheduled for the coming months and he invited members to sign up. President Baron added that presentations need not be lengthy or comprehensive—short presentations of say 10 or 20 minutes on an item of interest would be very welcome.

APS SALES BOOKS: Jerry Frasier said he learned at BALPEX that sales books from APS will now be handled by HIPSTAMPS who will display the APS materials. He questioned HIPSTAMPS as to whether it offers the opportunity to deal directly with dealers offering stamps and the answer was yes.

DONATIONS TO SSC: The Club received two significant donations during the summer. Neal noted that the donors had found us via our new Website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

William Geary
Secretary