

18 January 2023

**SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE 18 JANUARY 2023 BUSINESS MEETING**

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with fifteen members present. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. The Secretary read the minutes of the 4 January 2023 meeting and they were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SPRINGPEX:** The President noted that SPRINGPEX, the Club's biggest and most important event of the year, is growing closer. He encouraged all members to be a part of the effort and if not already involved they should contact Kevin Hans to ask how they can contribute.

Kevin said the Club website maintains an up to date status report on SPRINGPEX planning and recommended members frequently check it. He said exhibitors are signing up on schedule, however at the moment the status of the usual SPRINGPEX Sunday morning breakfast remains uncertain. John Hotchner, chief exhibits judge, has authored a new book which he will make available for purchase at SPRINGPEX.

Gerry West recommended that members wishing to include material in the Club Books for SPRINGPEX should begin preparing it soon. He believes a large volume of material will be offered and recommends that four tables be made available if possible. He noted that, in order to comply with Club by-laws that offerers be current in dues, after SPRINGPEX the books will be reviewed to ensure compliance.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joel Wells, Membership Chairman, has updated all membership records. Because the Club previously decided that no dues were required for the pandemic years 2020 and 2021, two years was added to each member's paid-up period of membership.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PHILATELIC ISSUE DISCUSSIONS:** President Baron suggested that the Club devote about five minutes at each business meeting to a discussion of a philatelic issue. As an example, he suggested the question of whether it is best to leave a hinge on a stamp or remove it. The suggestion was well and immediately received by the members who thought the best way to initiate the idea would be for a member to draft a list of possible topics to be presented at a meeting. President Baron volunteered to compile the list.

**GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS:** The Club's website offers an email address by which anyone can contact the Club with questions, suggestions, etc. The website does not publicly associate the address with a specific member, only with the Club. The address is proving a decided success, being used for example by non-collectors seeking advice on how to go about disposing of an inherited collection.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. After adjournment Joel Wells gave an interesting presentation on the surprise he received upon removing the plastic cover from an album he purchased for one dollar at a Club auction.

Secretary

William Geary