

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 19 OCTOBER 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with eighteen members present and began the meeting by introducing a new member, Steve Callahan. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. The Secretary read the minutes of the 21 September business meeting and they were approved. No meeting was conducted on 5 October because the School was closed.

OLD BUSINESS

CLUB PREPRINTED CARDS: At the 21 September meeting Joel Wells presented a draft of an updated Club Card and asked for feedback. Tonight he presented a card incorporating the feedback and sought comment. Bill Fort thought the font might possibly be too small for some people to read easily. Joel explained the need to compromise on some aspects such as the area required for font size versus the area required to personalize the card with a written message. His explanation was acknowledged. With the card well received, Neal Parr suggested that multiple copies be visibly placed at stamp shows and bourses such as the bourse at the Elks Club.

CATALOGS: Neal Parr reminded members that Scott Catalogs were available to members at reasonable cost for one more week. Members wishing to make a purchase should submit their checks no later than the 26 October meeting.

CLUB WEBSITE: Joel Wells suggested the website include a short briefing about the Club. He offered the following draft for comment:

Who Are We?

- I. 73 Active local members
- II. 38 Inactive members
- III. 12 Remote members
- IV. 11 Life members
- V. 11 Member dealers
- VI. 6 youth members
- VII. 2 Honorary members

What Do We Collect and/or Study?

- General postage stamps and covers
- Commemorative postage stamps and covers
- Postage stamps and covers by specific topic
- Airmail postage stamps and covers
- Plate-numbered blocks
- First day of issue covers, first flight covers, show and event covers
- Postal cards
- Revenue Issues
- Philatelic publications/literature

President David Baron said he hopes all members are taking advantage of the website. It is serving the Club well. For example, it has already yielded new members.

SPRINGPEX: Kevin Hans presented a Flow Sheet depicting the current status of identifying members to undertake each role/function involved in organizing SPRINGPEX. It can be updated quickly as each role is filled.

Kevin said the Club is awaiting confirmation from the school that the dates of 1 and 2 April are approved for use as the SPRINGPEX venue.

NEW BUSINESS

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Rory Souther said the Club Christmas Party is scheduled for 7 December. A sign-up list has been started for members to identify the food dish they plan to bring. The list names the item each member brought to the last party.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neal Parr sadly said that the health of member-dealer John Kennedy is poor and he may be required to terminate his stamp and coin business. In that event only one store-front stamp dealer will remain in the Washington area.

Considering the upcoming Thanksgiving school closings, the Club's November meetings will consist of business sessions on the second and sixteenth, a silent auction on the ninth, and the floor auction on the thirtieth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

After adjournment, several members used examples from their collections to show how they display stamps and covers and the personalized design of the pages they mount material on—very interesting and garnered close attention from the members.

William Geary
Secretary