

**SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE 19 APRIL 2023 BUSINESS MEETING**

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with sixteen members present. The Treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented. The Secretary read the minutes of the 15 March 2023 meeting and they were approved as presented.

The President welcomed everyone to the first business meeting following the successful SPINGPEX and Breakfast. He took the opportunity to present awards and recognition to two members who were unable to be present at the Awards Breakfast to have received them in person—Rory Souther and Cal McWhirter. He thanked both for their long and extremely valuable service to the Club.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SPRINGPEX:** SPRINGPEX Chairman Kevin Hans thanked everyone who worked on SPRINGPEX. He especially acknowledged the new members who stepped forward to assume critical roles and who substantially contributed to the overall success. He thanked each participating member by name and emphasized that the interactive group effort really brought the Club together.

The membership responded with an enthusiastic thanks to Kevin for his outstanding chairmanship of SPRINGPEX and its success.

Breakfast Chairman Tom Bodem thanked everyone who helped with the Breakfast.

Patricia Kuch praised the outstanding exhibits. Every exhibit qualified at the national level and the judges reported that they were quite impressed. Club members fared well in the judging, for example Vice-President Jack Ginsburg was awarded a Gold for his exhibition,

Over 225 of the people who attended SPRINGPEX signed in and a few joined the Club. Unfortunately, only about five young collectors approached the Youth Table but delightedly they demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm. Gerry West reported that over 400-lots of stamps were sold at the Club tables.

Vice President Jack Ginsburg said that although two cancellation designs had been formalized for use at the show (one commemorating the Space Station and the other the Boston Tea Party), the Post Office cancelling devices regrettably never appeared. The Post Office explained that although all approvals had been granted, the employee responsible for preparing the devices went on leave and did not delegate the job to any coworker.

Lee Schoenberg reported that the equipment, such as frames, stored by the Club and used at shows is in generally good condition. However, several of the plexiglass sheets are revealing a need for replacement. A general discussion arose as to a course of action. It was felt that a need for sheets will certainly continue, so it was concluded that since in the past NAPEX has paid for the sheets the Club will coordinate replacements with NAPEX.

**NO NEW BUSINESS SURFACED**

**DISCUSSION TOPIC**

Collecting Self-Adhesive Stamps: No one thought it easy to remove paper from self-adhesive stamps. Several procedures used or tried by members were described. The once-popular Stamp Lifter tended to permit the paper to be rolled off. Use of the air freshener Pure Citrus when

sprayed on the back permitted removal of the paper in about three seconds. Philatelic stamp lift fluid worked in some cases. Bottom line—it's hard to remove the paper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Secretary

William Geary