

17 January 2024

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 17 JANUARY 2024 BUSINESS MEETING

President Jack Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with fifteen members present. The Secretary read the minutes of the 3 January 2024 meeting and they were accepted as amended. The Treasurer made his report and it was accepted as presented.

ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Neal Parr, announced there had been no additional nominations for office. He opened the floor for anyone present to make a nomination. None were made. Neal thus stated that the slate of candidates for 2024 officers were Jack Ginsburg for President, Jack Townsend for Vice-President, Rory Souther for Treasurer, and Bill Geary for Secretary. Neal moved that the nominees be elected by voice vote. The motion was accepted and the nominees unanimously elected..

OLD BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Chairman Gene Mszar reported that the American Philatelic Society requires 25% of a stamp club's membership be APS members in order for the club itself to qualify for APS benefits. Springfield Stamp Club easily met the annual requirement with 85 of our 150 members belonging to the APS.

SPRINGPEX: Chairman Kevin Hans emphasized that a Program editor is still needed. He said no one has volunteered to staff the Youth Table so members will need to take turns of about an hour or two. He noted that the fun-project of showing one-page exhibits at SPRINGPEX has been well received. One page has already been offered and Kevin invited members to become involved.

Tom Boden said planning for the Breakfast is well underway and he expects to provide a full briefing soon.

Lee Schoenberg reported that arrangements for tables, chairs, etc. and their transportation are nearly complete.

Neal Parr inquired about the status of producing the show covers. President Ginsburg said two possible topics had been considered—The First Continental Congress and Watergate. Upon discussion members readily chose the Continental Congress to be one of the topics, but rejected Watergate Jack asked members to bring other ideas to the next business meeting.

Gerry West noted that larger lots such as albums have sold well at recent SPRINGPEX and NAPEX shows. He asked members wishing to offer such lots to bring them directly to the Club Table at the shows rather than to him at a meeting.

BARON-GROSS AWARD: Discussion continued regarding the specifics of the Baron-Gross Award recommended at the 3 January 2024 business meeting. Sufficient donations have been received in memory of David Baron and Hal Gross to support an award of fifty dollars annually. After general discussion of what the award would recognize and how a winner would be determined, President Ginsburg offered the following motion: Move that an annual Baron-Gross award of fifty dollars be presented to the person mounting the most popular philatelic exhibit at SPRINGPEX. The winner is to be determined by ballots cast by attendees at SPRINGPEX. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Baron and Ms. Gross will be invited to present at least the first annual award at the Breakfast.

It was specified that the eight and a half by eleven fun-contest will be kept separate.

SSC MEMBER WINS IN BOSTON: Last November collectors were invited to participate in a contest conducted by the Boston 2026 Committee. Participants were asked to submit lists of stamps and souvenir sheets related in some way with Boston, site of the next U.S. international philatelic exhibition. SSC member Pedro Sarmiento was one of the three winners. He submitted the greatest number of connections with 88. Congratulations Pedro, well done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Afterwards Bill Geary gave a presentation on the issuances of the short-lived State of Lajtabamsag.

William Geary
Secretary