

15 November 2023

**SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF THE 15 NOVEMBER 2023 BUSINESS MEETING**

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with eleven members present. He welcomed all to the last business meeting of 2023. The Secretary read the minutes of the 1 November 2023 meeting and they were accepted. The Treasurer made his report and it was accepted as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SCOTT CATALOGS:** At the last business meeting Joel Wells spoke of the possibility that, due to size, weight, and cost, Scott eventually may be forced to cease publishing its catalogs on paper. Collectors already have the option of subscribing to Scott's on-line version—but do libraries or other organizations have the same option? His local library does not offer a paper version so he asked whether it offered the on-line version. It did not.

Joel said he then phoned Amos Publishing Company to inquire whether the on-line version was even available to libraries, organizations, or stamp clubs. The answer was no. The on-line version is only offered to individuals and there are no intentions to make it more widely available. He also learned that updated subscriptions are for only one year, and apparently end around February or March. At that point the user must re-subscribe in order to receive updated listings and values.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Rory Souther reminded members to sign up for the Club Christmas Party scheduled for 6 December. Jerry Frazier reported that, as in prior years, the Postmistress of the local Post Office was invited to attend and she readily accepted the invitation.

**SPRINGPEX 2024:** Tom Boden reported that planning for the Breakfast is proceeding smoothly with the Hilton Hotel. The Hotel will offer a small overnight discount to SPRINGPEX attendees and participants. Keven Hans reported that almost all dealer tables have been reserved with only three tables remaining.

**ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS:** President David Baron announced that current officers have agreed to run again. He invited any member interested in one of the positions to contact him soonest. He noted that Rory Souther's decade-plus service as Treasurer has been outstanding, but Rory would be happy to turn the task over to someone else.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CLUB RECOGNITION:** Kevin Hans reported that the Club was awarded a gold as part of the APS's 2023 Star Route Awards. These awards are an annual recognition of the best philatelic newsletters and websites. The gold seal may be viewed on the Club website. Members offered a sincere thanks to Kevin for his excellent work with our website.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:05. It was followed by a most interesting and educational presentation by Jerry Weirich entitled "Northern Virginia Spray Cancellations."

William Geary  
Secretary