

19 October 2023

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 18 OCTOBER 2023 BUSINESS MEETING

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

OLD BUSINESS

SPRINGPEX 2024: Kevin Hans updated the status of SPRINGPEX 2024 planning.

Fairfax County Public Schools have approved use of Lewis High School on 6 and 7 April 2024 for SPRINGPEX.

Kevin recently visited the school and held productive discussions with its management. It was verified that ten-foot Art Rounds tables are available. An agreement was drafted for participation of the school's Booster Club and will be finalized upon confirmation from the sports team.

Kevin is currently signing dealers for SPRINGPEX and is meeting with encouraging success. He plans to contact additional dealers over the next few weeks.

Advertisements announcing SPRINGPEX will begin appearing in The American Philatelist in December.

Tom Boden volunteered to Chair the Breakfast and is discussing arrangements with the hotel. The price for breakfast is expected to be about 20 dollars.

Bill Fort volunteered to Chair the Exhibits program. Kevin noted that working with Bill would be a good opportunity for a member to learn about exhibits.

A decision on the theme for SPRINGPEX must be made by Thanksgiving to provide adequate time to acquire approval of cancellation designs.

NEW BUSINESS

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN: Members extended a heart-felt Well Done to Kevin Hans for his outstanding article "The Digital Age for Springfield Stamp Club" which appeared in the October 2023 edition of The American Philatelist. Kevin noted that a few improvements and additions have been made to the Club's website since the article was submitted a year ago so he plans to prepare an update for the journal in the near future.

DONATION OF SUBSCRIPTION: Gene Mszar, Membership Chairman, reminded members that as an APS affiliate the Club is permitted to donate a subscription to The American Philatelist to any permanent library of our choice. Apparently, one was donated to the Mary Riley Stiles Library in Falls Church many years ago, but the current status of the subscription is uncertain. It was suggested the Club update our donation to either Lynbrook Elementary or Lewis High School—both of which have a current relationship with the Club. It was decided to ask either school if they would welcome a subscription.

THE CLUB'S SCOTT CATALOGS: The Club's current set of Scott Catalogs are ageing and a replacement set of 2024 catalogs has been approved for purchase. In expectation of an increased interest in the new books upon their receipt an improved check-out procedure has been initiated. A 5 by 3 inch

card will be available adjacent to the books requesting the borrower's name, volume borrowed, date borrowed, and date returned. The card promises to be a significant improvement over past procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 8"10 PM.

After the meeting Jerry Frazier gave a very interesting presentation entitled "A Well Travelled Ensign." The "ensign" in this case being the Armstrong-Whitworth 27 aircraft appearing on issues of India and overprinted for use on four Indian Convention States and several other countries.

William Geary

Secretary