

8 February 2024

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB
MINUTES OF THE 7 February 2024 BUSINESS MEETING

President Jack Ginsburg called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with twelve members present. The Secretary read the minutes of the 17 January 2024 meeting and they were accepted. The Treasurer made his report and it was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

SPRINGPEX: Chairman Kevin Hans reported that he has prepared a rough draft for the SPRINGPEX program. A volunteer is needed soonest to help with the program as the printer's deadline is nearing.

Because no volunteer has stepped forward to conduct the Youth Table, Kevin has prepared a spread sheet for members to sign up to staff the Table for an hour or two each. Based on last year's experience at NAPEX, Gerry West pointed out the staffing advantages of locating the Youth Table adjacent to the Club Books table. Kevin acknowledged the advantages and said he would see what can be done, but unfortunately he believed it highly unlikely floor space considerations would enable it at SPRINGPEX.

The eight and a half by eleven fun exhibition is gaining traction and at least one entry has already been received with others on the way. Kevin said the deadline for submitting these exhibits is the end of February. He has accepted responsibility for counting submitted ballots.

SPRINGPEX SHOW COVERS: At the 17 January 2024 business meeting the First Continental Congress was selected as one of the two cachet themes to be used. President Jack Ginsburg said several ideas had been received in response to his request for a second theme. After a general discussion two of the ideas gained ascendancy—the 8 April Total Eclipse and the 150th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Neal Parr moved for a vote on the two ideas. The UPU anniversary received a clear majority and is selected as the second theme.

NEW BUSINESS

POSTCROSSING: Kevin Hans reported that representatives of the Postcrossing project has approached him regarding their wish to have a formal presence at SPRINGPEX. It is expected that about 15 to 20 people would be involved plus items they will need to display. A discussion arose as to how we could accommodate them as they obviously require significant floor space plus tables and chairs. One possibility is along the hallway at the entrance and another is to find an appropriate room.

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE: Gene Mszar reported that he has been approached by the Historian of the National Capital Area Council seeking Club assistance with a program to aid scouts acquire the Stamp Collecting merit badge. The Council plans a program consisting of two sessions. The first in March to teach the requirements of the badge and the basics of stamp collecting. At its conclusion each boy will be tasked to undertake a collecting project to be completed by the second session in April.

The members reacted very favorably and quickly suggested ways the Club can assist. It was especially noted that SPRINGPEX, with its Youth Table, occurs between the two sessions and can be an excellent source of free stamps the boys may need to complete their selected project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

William Geary
Secretary