

SPRINGFIELD STAMP CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 4 MAY 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

President David Baron called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with thirteen members present. The secretary read the minutes of the 20 April 2022 meeting and they were approved as amended. The treasurer made his report and it was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

WEBSITE: Kevin Hans reported that he discussed the draft proposal for a new Club website with four potential designers. Three have indicated intentions to submit proposals. Another vendor doesn't appear cost-effective for the Club but may meet the needs of NAPEX. Kevin recommended that the Club budget about \$144 to operate a website during the 2022/2023 year, which is not out of align with this years' cost.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 BUDGET: Roy Souther presented copies of a draft 2023 budget. The draft will be formally discussed at the 18 May business meeting and will be voted on at the 1 June meeting.

2023 SPRINGPEX: Considering the immense effort and difficulty required to present a SPRINGPEX, and considering that a new chairman must be identified, Otto Thamassett asked the hypothetical question, "How long could the Club survive if we don't have SPRINGPEX?" A discussion ensued that addressed costs associated with SPRINGPEX and income generated by SPRINGPEX. The number of factors found to be involved makes it clear that extensive study would be required to arrive at a comprehensible conclusion. It was also noted that should a decision be made to halt SPRINGPEXes the Club's by-laws would need to be rewritten. No sentiment was expressed to halt SPRINGPEX, but it was acknowledged the difficulty in running SPRINGPEX is clearly growing much harder. Nevertheless, it is also clear Otto's question should be asked and addressed.

ANNUAL CLUB DIRECTORY: Joel Wells announced that the new directories will be published by the 8 June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. It was followed by a presentation entitled "Why I Collect Stamps" by Joel Wells. Joel sought to engage the members in a general discussion of different aspects of collecting and the audience energetically participated. Well done Joel.

William Geary

Secretary