**November 2022 Business Meeting**

**Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:35pm by President Rob O’Dell. Members attending 8 with 3 guests. Quorum requirement not met and meeting is Not Official. Meeting held in meeting room St. Martin Library, Biloxi. (See Attached Sign In Sheet). Motion to suspend quorum requirement made by Eric, seconded by Mike and approved.

**Approval of September 2022 minutes**

September 2022 minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Report read by treasurer Mike and approved.

**Standard Agenda Items**

Website Update– It was suggested that Felix Perez become co-manager of website and work with Gordon to keep website current. Gordon has been covering the cost of the website/domain. A motion by Mike with second by Dr John was approved for the club to assume any cost associated with website maintenance. It is critical that we keep gulfcoaststampclub .org as our website because there are so many links to it.

Circuit Update– **Bob**

There was no circuit in October due to the Fall Bourse. APS has sent a request to be returned with the date of next year’s meeting (under new business below) and list of requests. They have also added a $5.00 postage fee for every circuit. Our circuit cost will then be: $5.00 mailing fee, $2.00 insurance, 5% of sales if under $200 and return postage which will be around $10.50. Making the cost of the circuit $17.50 or more each month.

Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Update–

Gordon not present for update.

**Old Business**:

1 Sale of Club Library – Eric

All action regarding sale is pending.

2 Planning for Christmas Party

Motion for date, time, and menu was made by Eric, seconded by Dr John and approved. To be held at Mercy Housing, Gulfport, MS on December 3rd starting at 1:00 pm. Food will be ordered from Rib Crib and picked up by Rob on the 3rd. Members asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Dr John will invite Mercy Housing staff to attend.

3 Storage of Exhibit Frames

Frames have been moved to an indoor location at Storage King in Ocean Springs. The Club has rented a 5x10 foot locker.

In addition to the frames there are some items normally used at shows such, has 2 boxes of stamps for kids.

There are 2 keys to the lock on the storage locker. Bob and Cathy have one and the other will be kept by President Rob.

The storage unit is under Mike Kayes and Cathy Marousky.

**New Business**

1. 2023 meeting dates.

7 Jan St. Martin 8 July Mercy Housing

4 Feb St. Martin 5 Aug St. Martin

4 Mar Mercy Housing 9 Sep St. Martin

Apr No meeting due to Show ? Oct pending show date

6 May St. Martin 4 Nov St. Martin

3 June St Martin 3 Dec Christmas Party

1. Keys to the Club mail box in Gulfport.

Mike has two keys to the mailbox. President Rob wants the other key. Mike will bring it to him at next meeting

3 Donation in the name of Club member Robin Overstreet.

Motion by Mike with second by Tom Adams was approved to donate $50.00 to the appropriate philatelic organization, APS if research shows he was member or if not, to the national philatelic museum.

4 Lost Mail. Recently Ray Carter of the Dallas club sent us information on exhibiting at their show in November. When Dr. Dr John checked with him about exhibiting, Ray told him all the frames were filled (with Rays exhibits) because no one responded to the letter he sent out. Problem is we never got a letter that we know about. Dr. Dr John would like this to be investigated to see where the problem occurred.

President Rob visited library but Sandra not there for him to ask about the letter. There was no further update.

**Fall 2022 Bourse Report/Critique**

Dealer Satisfaction -

Eric reported for the most part dealers considered business "fair"

President Rob received good comments and personally did well, maybe better than last year

Facility Manager

Bob Marousky is retiring from doing the work of Facility Manager. He has prepared a list of duties and is willing to mentor whomever takes the position. The person who makes arrangements to rent the St. Martin Community Center needs to be a resident of Jackson County to get the best daily rate.

Bob Marousky has also sent a letter to the manager of the Community Centers praising the help Sandra Seymour has been. He has also identified 3 minor issues: Handicap button for doors didn’t work (most likely the unit was turned off), facility need its own 55 cup coffee maker and the need for Internet (WiFi) in the Community Center.

At the next meeting, President Rob will review the list of duties with expectation that they can be distributed among members when feasible.

Attendance and Publicity

Daily attendance report - Actual numbers not available but believed to be about fifty on each day.

Publiciy – Report on how they found out about show. Which method worked best. (not discussed, no data available).

Food Committee – Cathy Marousky (No report available.)

Need someone to pick up donuts before the show.

Report on costs

Supplies left

Club Table

Report on sales. (No report available.)

**GULFPEX 2023 Planning**

Dealers

Send out contracts or letter about the show. President Rob will mail packets to dealers after the first of the year.

Publicity

Arrange for ad in Linn’s Stamp News. Mike has submitted at no charge since he subscribes to Linn's

Already in APS Journal. Date is on APS website but takes 2 months before appears in Journal.

Any other early publicity? None to report.

Different postcard to advertise the show – New Orleans Club has member who designs and prints special postcard.

Food committee (Cathy to address at next meeting)

Possible use of box lunches for dealers/members

Send with dealers packet so we can have preorders.

Club Table

Other

Need someone to design flyer. (Need to ask Bob)

Need someone to design cachet and chose stamp(s) to use on covers

**Fall 2023 Bourse Planning**

Need to select dates ASAP. Eric and Rob will investigate best dates of the month.

**Announcements**

Mid Cities (Dallas) Show will be November 11-12.

The New Orleans Stamp Show is January 20 and 21, 2023. Exhibits are needed (even 1 or 4 page). Contact Dr. John Dr John with name of exhibit ASAP so it can be put into the program.

If anyone wants to borrow a Scott’s Catalog, you need to contact Dr. John Dr John before the meeting and he will bring it to the meeting. He is no longer bringing all the catalogs to each meeting.

Philatelic You Tube Channels. If you have time, check out #Philately, it has some interesting programs. There are lots of interesting YouTube channels on Stamp Collecting and Postcards.

**Volunteer for Next Educational Program**

Mike volunteered for January meeting.

**Show and Tell by Members**

Rob showed airmail cover. Dr John had Elvis postcard to give away. Tom showed a post office box from the 1960's. Mike showed his recent acquisition of Scott US #1.

**New Members**

Les Osborn, Rose Gennaro, and Jena Lee were welcomed as new members of our club.

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37 pm.

**Educational Presentation**

Felix Perez talked about getting stamps expertised.

**Patricia A. Adams For**

**Robert T. Marousky (official copy signed)**

Robert T. Marousky

Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

Attachment 1 – Sign in Sheet

Attachment 2 – Treasurer’s Report