

**March 2, 2024 Business Meeting  
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:30 pm by President **RO**. Club Members attending 17 Guests none. Quorum for Business Meeting requirement met and meeting is Official. Meeting held in Mercy Housing Gulfport, MS (See Attached 1: Sign In Sheet)

**Approval of February 2024 minutes**

The February minutes as posted on the Internet were approved.

**Treasurer's Report – MK**

The February treasurer's report as read was approved. (See Attachment 2 – Treasure's Report)

**Standard Agenda Items**

**Website Update– FP**

1. The website has been updated with the information for the March meeting to include the pre-meeting lunch. Also, the GULFPEX 2024 page and GCSC Auction 2024 page were created and have been updated.
2. **LO** has access to the GCSC official email. Labels were created on Gmail to manage the bids.
3. All that is left is to monitor the Gmail and GCSC website. This includes adding additional items to the GCSC Auction 2024 page.

**Circuit Update– BM**

1. In February circuit 171 items were sold from the circuit with no penalty fees.
2. Assistant Circuit Manager still needed for 2024. Tabled until next month.
3. It was decided not to get a circuit in April due to the Show.
- 4.

**Old Business**

**1..Sale of Club Library – EW**

No new information

**2 Auction – LO**

1. Currently there are 45 lots in the auction
2. Deadline for submitting lots is March 15, 2024
3. Auction will start at 1 pm on Saturday
4. Dean has prepared a synopsis sheet of the rules and it is posted online
5. Lots are to be brought in Friday morning
6. Where lots can be viewed at the Club table
7. Several security issues still to be determined
8. If there is an online bid, the starting bid will be from that bid.
- 9.

**3 Proposed Slate of Officers – TA**

A slate of individuals who have agreed to run for Club Officer was presented. The voting will be at the May meeting. Any individual not on the ballot and who would like to be put on the ballot, please contact **TA** the chair person in charge of the ballot. (See Attachment 3 – Slate of Candidates)

#### 4 Membership Questions

- 1) Our Treasurer is having some problems with incorrect email addresses for members. If you are not getting a monthly meeting notice contact him.
- 2) Members whose dues are not paid by this March meeting will be suspended.
- 3) To pay for a life membership according to the by-laws it is 15 times the yearly dues of ten dollars which means it would cost \$150.00
- 4) Some discussion on whether members who are receiving email notices need to have cards sent to them.

#### GULFPEX 2024 – April 5 & 6, 2024

1. Cachet and Cancel.
  - 1) Cancel has been approved and will be listed in the April 4<sup>th</sup> post office bulletin.
  - 2) Arrangement has been made to have the cancel device pick up and returned to post office
  - 3) Cacheted envelopes for the club to sell are ready
  - 4) Cacheted envelopes for the children from ATA represented are ready
2. Publicity for Show
  - a) **TA** will contact Coffee News to get an ad for the show – **Completed**
  - b) **MK** will put the add in Linn's – **Completed.**
  - c) **BM** will contact APS to get a new mailing list for members in our area. - **Done**
  - d) **RO** will mail a letter and flyers to clubs in our area - **Done**
  - e) **Dr. JB** will contact local TV stations. Stations have asked to be contacted only two weeks before the show.
  - f) **DK and FP** will work on publicizing the show on Social Media. Dean now has full access to our Facebook page. Social Media publicity ongoing.
  - g) Someone is needed to contact coast magazines, newspapers, casino's etc. One of the most popular free Coast magazines has been contacted and information on the show will be include.
  - h) **FP** is coordinating with Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs to promote our show.
- 3 Exhibits and exhibit chairperson – **TA**

After discussion, it was decided to limit the number of frames (exact number to be determined). Several two page exhibits from Carol Costa (Ohio) are planned. David Kiehn from the Memphis Stamp Club will do a one frame exhibit. There is also a one or two frame exhibit of Ukraine stamps planned.

#### 4 Show Layout – Committee (**RO, LO, MK and T/P**)

Copies of Layout designed were passed out for review.

#### 5 Hospitality

It was suggested that we offer one different lunch meal each day to dealers and Club members. The suggested meal for Friday would be the Bozo's (Pascagoula, MS) special that contains pieces of fried fish, fried shrimp, French fries and hushpuppies. The Saturday meal would be the shrimp poboy and gumbo special. Cost of each meal would be about \$9.00. The suggestion was accepted. Dealer's to be notified in advance so they can plan a different lunch meal on their own.

#### 6 Show Insurance – **TA - Done**

#### 7 Silent Auction

After discussion it was decided to hold the silent auction on the stage. Details to be worked out.

#### 8 Club Table

There will be limited space for the Club table this year due to part of the space being used for viewing of auction items.

#### 9 Review of "To Do" Checklist (see attached)

Checklist to be reviewed by Chairman at one of our upcoming Thursday Philatelic Lunches.

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**GULFPEX 2024 – April 5 & 6, 2024 (cont.)**

10 Open for other GULFPEX items.

Floor Cleaning – The Community Center has new flooring. There is concern about marks from dragging tables and is extra cleaning needed. Sandra Seymour facility manager of the Community Center to be contacted for more information on floor care.

**New Business – Open for New Items**

None Scheduled

**Announcements:**

Former Club member Gordon Nelms who moved to Lincoln, Nebraska has a birthday in March. A card for him was passed around for members to sign.

**Show and Tell:**

HB – a copy of US Scott #1394 that has the text missing at the bottom. This may be unlisted error.

JB – some of the eclipse stamps to be used in solar eclipse exhibit

BM – St. Patrick’s Day and Easter Bonnet (hats) post cards.

LO – A color trial proof on card stock and information about the process of approving stamp colors.

DK – Two older stamp albums (1889 & 1912).

FP – A cacheted envelop that he designed for the Puerto Rican Coin Collectors program. He is starting to design unique cachets such as the ones for GULFPEX 2024.

**Volunteer for May Educational Program**

There will be no meeting or educational program in April. BM will present a short program on Herman Herst who was a stamp dealer and prolific philatelic author.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.

**Educational Program**

KS presented a program on Tin Can Mail. Tin Can Mail comes from the island of Tonga in the South Pacific. The island is surrounded by coral reefs and steam boats could not dock at the island to deliver the mail. In 1882, William Travers developed a way of using sealed British Bisket Tins to float the mail out to waiting ships. This practice continued until 1935 when it was deemed too dangerous due to shark attacks. When KS was growing up, his family rented their grandfather’s house to Evert Rossler. KS earned money mowing the lawn. While working he met the renter’s brother Al Rossler who is famous for his cacheted envelopes, especially airmails. Mr. Al Rossler learned KS was interested in stamp collecting and he gave KS a Tin Can Mail cover that was sent back to Mr. Rossler. This cover was shown by KS. The gift of the Tin Can Mail envelope was the flame that lit KS’s interest in postal history.

*Robert T. “Bob” Marousky*  
Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

**Attachment 1 – Sign in sheet attached**

**Attachment 2 – March Treasurer’s Report**

**Attachment 3 – Slate of Officers for May Election**