

**January 7, 2023 Business Meeting
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:30 pm by President Rob O'Dell Members attending 13 with 2 guests. Quorum requirement met and meeting is Official. Meeting held in meeting room St. Martin Library, Biloxi. (See Attached 1: Sign In Sheet)

Approval of November 2022 minutes

November 2022 minutes approved as posted on the Website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report approved as read. (See Attachment 2: Treasurers Report).

Standard Agenda Items

Website Update– Change in Webmaster from Gordon Nelms to Felix Perez.

Felix Perez is our new Webmaster – See Board Meeting Minutes.

Circuit Update– Bob

November Circuit had 186 items sold for over \$1,000

December Circuit had 363 items sold for over \$1,000

Circuit expenses for 2022 were \$114.53 (See Attachment 3: 2022 Circuit Expenses)

In 2023 The APS will add an additional \$5.00 charge for mailing. Making the circuit charges from APS: \$2.00 – Insurance, \$5.00 – Mailing, and 5% if under \$200 sales.

Status of January 2023 circuit – The circuit was not sent because they were waiting for a list of meeting dates for 2023. William Dixon at APS was contacted, a list was sent and he mailed the circuit Friday.

Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Update–

Felix Perez has volunteered to act as the Club's representative. He has already contacted them and updated the information on our Club.

Old Business:

1 Sale of Club Library – Eric

Of the books that Eric White put on EBay, three books sold. The unsold books will be put on his dealers website. He will give a full financial report next month.

New Business:

1 New Webmaster – due to Gordon Nelm's moving, Felix Perez will be our new webmaster.
See Board Meeting Minutes for details.

2.. Need new Facility Manager for Shows (See Attachment 3: List of duties of Facility Manager)

Bob Marousky is giving up the position as Facility Manager for shows. He furnished a list of the duties of the Facility Manager. All the duties can be delegated to more than one person. However, the liaison with the Community Center must be a Jackson County resident. The list of duties will be examined to see how duties can be delegated. Rob O'Dell volunteered to be the liaison with the Community Center.

3 Honorary Life Membership for Gordon Nelms who will be leaving to live near his daughter in Lincoln, Nebraska.

A motion was made and seconded to name Gordon Nelms a life member of the Gulf Coast Stamp Club. Motion was approved. Gordon was thanked for his work as our first Webmaster, his work at the Registration desk for our shows and his work as a Director for the Club.

4 Replacement Board Member to fill Gordon Nelms position.
Felix Perez was appointed and accepted the position.

5..What to do with book (The Civil War Stamps Collection) donated by Gordon Nelms.

Gordon Nelms has donated this book. After discussion it was decided that we should see if the library system would be willing to share the book with other libraries within the system. Bob Marousky will contact the manager of the St. Martins library.

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.

The packets are ready to be mailed to 12 different dealers this week. Table space will be on a first come first served basis.

GULFPEX 2023 Planning (cont.)

Publicity

Arrange for ad in Linn's Stamp News. Mike will submit the ad because he get a subscribes to Linn's

Already in APS Journal.

Need someone to put information on Social Media - Felix Perez has volunteered.

Volunteer to do press release and send to local news, radio, and TV.

Since the law was changed and radio stations do not have to do public service announcements it is unlikely any stations will do free advertising for our show. Dr. John Barrett will handle TV stations.

Need someone to coordinate new coverage for WLOX and WXXY TV – Dr. John Barrett has volunteered.

Need someone to design Flyer/poster for show – Tom Adams is working on flyer.

Should we buy a new mailing list from APS – cost under \$50 and can be used for GULFPEX 2023 and Fall Bourse.- After discussion it was decided to purchase a new list. Bob Marousky will contact APS to order and pay for the list. The post card for the upcoming New Orleans stamp show was shown and the question asked should be do a colorful card like this. It was decided to find out the costs of doing such a card. Dr. John Barrett and Eric White will contact the person in the New Orleans Club who did the card. They will be going to their meeting on Tuesday to talk to the person who made the card. Report will be made next meeting.

Food committee

Need volunteer to serve as chairman of committee – Cathy Marousky has volunteered to server as chairman with the caveat that someone else will pick up the morning snacks.

Need volunteers to assist with lunch and maintaining kitchen area – it was suggested that having a food truck park outside might be a good idea. Further investigation is needed and findings reported at the next meeting.

Registration Table

Need volunteer to replace Gordon as chairman of this committee Felix Perez has volunteered to do this and has already started work on some form revision.

Show Cover

Need to select what stamps to use.

Need someone to design cancel and submit to post office – needed ASAP

Need someone to design and print cachet on covers

After discussion it was decided not to have a show cover due to low sales and difficulty of getting a cancel approved.

Insurance

Need to get the million dollar policy again –Tom Adams has volunteered to do this again.

Need to get copy of policy to Community Center at least a week before the show – usually done by the facilities manager – Tom Adams has volunteered to do this unless the person taking over as Facility Manager prefers to take it to the Community Center.

Other

Raffle – It was decided not to have one this year.

Silent Auction – Dr. John Barrett has volunteered to again manage the silent auction. He does have items for the auction but is asking member if they would donate one or two items for the auction.

Exhibition Judge – Current plan is to use the same judge and budget from last year.

Fall 2023 Bourse Planning

Need to select dates ASAP. Eric White and Rob O’Dell will research the best date for the Fall Bourse. Rob O’Dell will then contact to Community Center Manager to reserve the date.

Announcements

Gordon Nelms will be moving to live near his daughter in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

Announcements (cont.)

Southeastern Federation Expo is January 27 – 29 at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092. Admission is \$5 for whole family all weekend.

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

Dr. Barrett is asking for donations for the Silent Auction at GULFPEX 2023. One or two items from each member would be appreciated. This will help make the auction a success and earn money for the Club.

January 22 the postage rates will go up (See Attachment 4 – Postal Rate Increase Chart).

Volunteer for Next Educational Program

Felix Perez plans on presenting a program on US Souvenir Pages and Panels.

Show and Tell by Members

Les Osborne showed two different stamp albums. One was an Imperial Album form 1896 and the other was a child’s album from the 1950s.

Bob Marousky showed a homemade album for Plate Number Singles from the Transportation series. He also demonstrated how he cut page protectors to make it easier to insert and remove pages.

Tom Adams showed two covers from Alex H. Stevens a politician from the 1790s. The cancel showed a different name for the District of Columbia.

Felix Perez showed his collection of covers and items from the Spanish American War of 1898.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Educational Presentation

Mike Kayes talking about Plate Number Coils (PNC) on United States Stamps.

Robert T. Marousky (official copy signed)

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Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

Attachment 1 – Sign in Sheet

Attachment 2 – Treasurer’s Report

Attachment 3 – Duties of Facticity Manager

Attachment 4 – Postal Rate increase table.