

**February 4, 2023 Board Meeting
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1pm by Vice President Dr. John Barrett Board Members attending 5 with 3 member guests. Quorum for Board Meeting requirement met and meeting is Official. Meeting held in meeting room St. Martin Library, Biloxi. (See Attached 1: Sign In Sheet)

1 Discussion on canceling Fall Show.

The room is booked to have our Fall Show on September 15 & 16 with set up on the 14th. There is a major stamp show in Houston that weekend and at least 5 of our regular dealers are planning to go to the Houston show. Also key players (Tom and Pat Adams plus Felix Perez) will not be available. Question is can we get enough dealers for our show or should we cancel?

A motion was made and seconded that we cancel the fall bourse. All Board members voted affirmatory and the bourse is canceled. The \$600 fee we paid for the rooms can either be refunded or applied to GULFPEX 2024. Show Chairman Rob O'Dell will be the one to formally cancel the show with the Community Center.

After the vote there was discussion on possibly having the fall show at a different venue. Reasonably priced places to hold a show are few and far between. If we tried renting the Pascagoula or other Community Centers, our charges would be much higher. Plus it is confusing for the dealers and those attending when you have different venues in the same year. Also timing is short to find dates open.

2 Discussion/critique on the New Orleans Stamp show.

The dealers seemed very happy with the show. One factor is that there was one dealer who could not make the show so that gave the other dealers more space if they wanted it.

A negative issue at the show was how the Registration table was handled. On Saturday the individuals working the table did not know what to do as they had not had any instructions. Felix Perez who is going to do our registration table was at the show and saw the problems as did other Club members attending. He has plans to avoid the same type problem at our show.

The ballot for viewers' favorites was printed on the back of the program. You needed to cut it off the program to vote. Other ballots were later provided.

The exhibit frames were confusing especially the 1 – 2 – 4 page exhibits. Our exhibit chairman, Tom Adams, was at the show and noticed the problems. He has plans to prevent this at our show.

One of our members reported that some of the stamps he purchased were incorrectly identified or mislabeled. Stamps that were listed as mint never hinged clearly had hinge marks. Not all dealers know about all stamps. They cannot take hours to research stamps that will only amount to a small profit. The lesson is - Know your stamps and examine them before you purchase them. Buyer beware "caveat emptor".

3 Open for other Board Business.

None

Robert T. Marousky (official copy signed)

Robert T. Marousky
Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

Attachment 1 – Sign in Sheet

Agenda for Business Meeting on the other side.