

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

Called to order at 1:32 pm by Vice President Dr. John Barrett. Members attending 13 with 1 (who later joined the Club) 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 January 2023 minutes

January 2023 minutes were approved as posted on the Website.

Treasurer's Report

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

Standard Agenda Items

Website Update– Felix

Unable to show updates to the website due to the library not having Wi-Fi in the meeting room.

Plan is to list the items that will be in the silent auction at GULFPEX 2023 on the website.

The Club library books that are for sale will be listed on the website with a link to their location on hipstamp.

Circuit Update– Bob

APS started the new \$5 charge for outgoing postage. Cost to send the circuit now is \$2 insurance + \$5 APS postage fee + \$10.40 postage = \$17.40.

January we sold 241 items for over \$500.

Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs Update– Felix

Update on their yearly Atlanta show.

New Member, Dean Kelly attended the show. There were 20 national dealers at the show. He had no other specific comments except he enjoyed the show.

Old Business:

1 Sale of Club Library – Eric

5 books have sold for a total of \$56.25. It was suggested that we keep the books for sale online for at least a year if not longer. Also see information about sale of books under Website Update above.

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

Rob O'Dell has taken on the responsibility coordinating with the Community Center. We still need other helpers. Discussion tabled until Rob O'Dell can make report.

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

St. Martin Librarian, Amber Schulze, has reviewed the book and it will be put on display starting next week. After a period of time, she will offer it to other libraries in the system.

New Business:

1 Fall Bourse – See Board Minutes.

2 New Orleans show critique – see information from Board Minutes

New Business: (Cont.)

3 Magnetic Name Badges for Members

Cathy Marousky showed the old name badges she was able to recover from Gordon Nelm's home. She was only able to recover a small fraction of the badges.

Felix Perez showed the magnetic name tag he received when he joined the Huntsville Stamp Club. The badge has a landscape back ground with the latest Alabama state stamp and his name along with the name of the Club. Tom Adams showed several different magnetic badges he had from the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). After discussion Felix Perez and Tom Adams were asked to look into design and procurement of magnetic badges for the Club including price and how easily/quickly they can be obtained. They will give a report and recommendations next month.

GULFPEX 2023 Planning

Dealers

So far we have 8 dealers paid (Eric White, Rob O'Dell, Izzy, John Bigelow, Leo from Austin, John Brown, Kurt Harding and Damian Johnson of Worldwide Philatelic in Kansas City. Goal is to have at least 8 dealers and maybe 10. Rob O'Dell is sending out additional dealer information kits to possible candidates and check for updates of original dealers who haven't committed as yet. Note: after the meeting the Treasurer's report was reviewed and it showed payment received from 10 dealers.

Publicity

Linn's Stamp News ad placed.

Already in APS Journal.

Dr. John Barrett will handle TV stations.

Flyers are ready. Please take a few and put in places of community interest. Flyers are available and members are encouraged to take some and post them wherever possible. Places like libraries, community centers and anywhere you are allowed to put them up. Post Offices will not allow you to post the flyers, however if you ask they can be posted in their break room. This is encouraged because then the postal clerks will be able to tell customers about our show, especially known stamp collectors.

New mailing list purchased from APS. Digital and hard copy received from APS.

The GULFPEX flyer is on both the website and Facebook page. Also sent to Huntsville and Memphis for their websites and Facebook pages. They have also been sent to the dealers and to 10 different Clubs in our area.

Food committee – Cathy Marousky

Need volunteer to help with getting lunches and keeping Kitchen clean.

Dealers at the New Orleans show all talked about the good lunches we have at our show.

Getting a food truck for one day at the show. After discussion, a motion was made to see if we could get a food truck for one day of the show. Cathy Marousky will contact the vendor who sets up her food truck at the St. Martin Community Center community market. She is authorized to retain that food truck for one day depending on their schedule. Once arrangements have been made, the information will go to our webmaster to be posted on Club website.

GULFPEX 2023 Planning (Cont.)

Registration Table

Felix Perez has taken on the responsibility of coordinating the Registration Table. He will need help as he will be manning the American Topical Association and Youth area also. Every member is encouraged to spend an hour or two working the registration table. A signup sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

It was suggested that we have stick on name badges for individuals attending the show. One individual suggested we number the stick on badges then use that number to identify door prize winners. Discussion was held about whether or not we should do door prizes and what kind. It was suggested that maybe we could award door prize winners with a coupon for a certain amount that could be used to buy stamps from dealers. The Club would then reimburse dealers for amount of coupon. No decision, were made.

Insurance

Tom Adams in charge of getting the policy. He will contact the agent about getting the policy this week. A copy of the policy must be given to the Community Center at least a week in advance.

Silent Auction – Update by Dr. John Barrett

Dr. John encouraged donations for the silent auction. Our webmaster said he could post the items in the silent auction on the website to try to draws more interest. One of our dealers has donated a Penny Black for the auction. Dr. John is going to see if he can get a US #1 for the auction. All proceeds from the auction go to the Club.

Exhibition Judge Status?

APS Judge or Local judge. Ray P. the judge we had last year, tentatively agreed to do the judging for the same stipend. However, he is not firmly committed.

Tom Adams spoke on the advantages of having an APS accredited judge at our show. Along with judging he can work with exhibitors on how to improve their exhibits.

Exhibits

Prospectus for exhibitors can be found on the Club website.

Deadline for submitting prospectus is March 4, 2023 (as posted on website).

Disney and Marvel exhibits are encouraged.

Might need additional help to get and set up frames. Also to take down and take back to storage. Cathy Marousky said the family minister from her church has volunteered to assist. He will also attempt to bring along additional help if possible. A stipend of \$100 dollars will be donated.

Club Table

Karl Schoeck has volunteered to run the Club table. Again volunteers to assist are needed.

Still need to determine how much room will be available and how many items each member can submit.

Fall 2023 Bourse Planning

Status from Board Meeting. Fall bourse has been cancelled due to the fact that most of our dealers will be going the big Houston Stamp Show.

Announcements

Gordon Nelms is now in Lincoln, Nebraska near his daughter. If you want to send him a card or note, his address is: Gordon Nelms, 8401 South 33rd, #329, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Gordon's son in law reported that Gordon is adapting to his new environment. He is even taking phone calls. Sometime when he is not feeling well he may not answer. If that happens try again later. The best time to call would be around 10 am. They are also on Central time. He still has same phone number

Announcements (Cont.)

There are several cats at Gordon's that are still looking for a home. If you know anyone interested in a nice cat, let Bob or Cathy know.

The March 4th meeting will be held at Mercy Housing 1135 Ford St, Gulfport, MS.

There is a local (New Orleans area) philatelic supplier. William P. Athens of New Orleans Stamp and Philatelic Supply Shop (1405 Gardenia Drive, Metairie, LA 70005. Phone 504-810-0655 or toll free 855-9Stamps (855-978-2677)) His website is www.nolastampshop.com. Club members get a 5% discount by using code gulfcoast05. Can Eric or Dr. John pick up supplies from New Orleans meeting, and bring to our meeting thus saving shipping?

Volunteer for Next Educational Program

Felix Perez will show the members the updates he has made in the Club website and how to navigate them.

Show and Tell by Members

Les Osburne showed a book of beer stamps he purchased. He pointed out that the way they were cancelled was to have a hole made in the center of the stamps. The stamps were larger than the stamp normally collected and had unique colorful designs. Very interesting book of revenue stamps.

Cathy Marousky showed a trifold display container with the Valentine's Day exhibit she designed. The exhibit will be in the St. Martin library during the month of February. It also contains information about our Club. The plan is to use the trifold to do frequent exhibits to be shown in the library. Members are encouraged to exhibit philatelic material in their local library.

Bob Marousky showed some old stamp catalogs from the 1800s and early 1900s.

Mike Kayes had stock sheets with used plate number singles. They are from recently donated stamps. Members can purchase stamps for 25 cents each. Some of the stamps have a catalog value up to 5 dollars. It will be put in the silent auction after members have a chance to review it.

Dr. John Barrett showed a 100 stamp Swiss album that was developed. It had a very nice and colorful design. He plans to fill it with stamps and put it in the silent auction. He also passed around some examples of one page exhibits to show and encourage members to make this type of exhibit for our show.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Educational Presentation

Felix shared information about the American Society of Philatelic Pages and Panels. Using computer PowerPoint slides, he provided dates and actual items to the members present.

He further discussed Stamp Posters, Souvenir Pages, American Commemoratives, American Commemorative Cancellations and American Commemorative Panels. Again showing members actual items for their examination. These were wonderful informational resources.

Next he provided information about Jim Canon and the philatelic pages he designed. The pages were created to commemorate the 50th anniversary of every stamp issued from 1935 – 1959. He told the story of how he was able to obtain the first set of the Philatelic Canon Pages showing their providence with an actual time line and number 001 of each stamp.

Finally he shared Fleetwood proof cards and Postal Commemorative Society panels.

A very interesting presentation with lots of actual examples.

Robert T. Marousky (official copy signed)

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Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club