

**February 3, 2024 Business Meeting
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:30 pm by President Rob O'Dell. Club Members attending 11 Guests 0 Quorum for Business Meeting requirement met and meeting is Official. Meeting held in Meeting Room of St. Martin Library (See Attached 1: Sign In Sheet)

Approval of January 2023 minutes

The January minutes as posted on the Internet were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Kayes

A verbal treasurer's report was read over the phone by Mike Kayes. The report was then approved.

Standard Agenda Items

Website Update– Felix

1. Updating Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs website with show information.
2. GULFPEX material on website and what still needs to be posted: Uploaded the GULFPEX 2024 - Postage Stamp and Postcard Show flyer, dealers (only exception is LaFrance, need to know who is the dealer), Exhibit Prospectus (two files, word documents), Silent Auction (1) items Pending: Auction PDF, Floor Plan and any additional items for the silent auction
3. Zoom meeting website update: There was a Zoom Board meeting last Saturday. Felix briefed about the status of our website and the need to transition to a new hosting provider.
4. Post Card Collection Inquiry: We received an inquiry about stamps on postcards from an individual over in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. The individual thanked us for the assistance.

Circuit Update– Bob

1. In January 170 items were sold from the circuit with no penalty fees.
2. One circuit book was misplaced. APS notified and we were told to send it back if found. First time in 7 years this has happened. (Note: The missing circuit book was found and will be returned with the February circuit. APS has been notified.)
3. Assistant Circuit Manager still needed for 2024. Tabled until next month. One individual said he would like to learn more about what it involves before volunteering.

Old Business

1..Sale of Club Library – Eric White

Eric White reported the sale of only one book. He will give the Club a check at the next meeting.

2 Auction – Les

The auction policy and procedures were briefly explained by **Les Osborne**. Copies were made available to members.

An example of what the auction lot description will look like was shown.

Dean Kelly volunteered to do a summary of the auction procedures to be posted on the web and handed out at the auction.

Submission of auction items closes on March 15, 2024 The auction items will be on display at GULFPEX 2024 for examination. Online bidding will close at 7 pm on April 5, 2024. The "live" auction will be at 1 pm on Saturday April 6 (second day of show).

Payment for items purchased will be to the Club Treasurer. He will then issue checks to each seller as any checks used as payment are cleared.

Paddles will be used at the auction. The auctioneer will have a list of any Internet bids left by members who could not attend the auction.

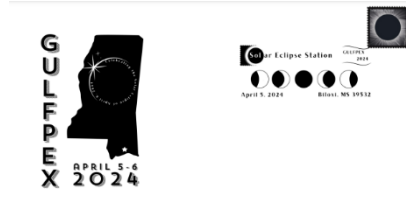
3 Election of Officers

Club Elections are in May of this year. **Tom Adams** volunteered to be chairman of the committee who will develop the slate of officers.

GULFPEX 2024

1. Cachet and Cancel.

- a. Felix Perez did all the art work and design. He forwarded necessary paperwork to **Mike Kayes** to submit to the Gulfport main post office.
- b. Cancellation will be for both days April 5, 2024 and April 6, 2024.
- c. Final design:



2. Dealer Contracts – **Rob O’Dell**

Dealers who have paid:

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| 1 Ken Scheller | The Stamp Connection |
| 2 Peter Dearing | Jacksonville Stamp & Coin |
| 3 John R. Bigelow | Johns Stamps |
| 4 Leonardo Norcisa | DBA LEOSTAMPS |
| 5 Robert E. O’Dell | |
| 6 WH BURDICK | Arkansas |
| 7 Edmond P Izzi | |
| 8 John E Brown Jr. | Johns Stamps |
| 9 LaFrance | Kevin LeFrance Box 517, Harvey, LA 70059 |
| 10 Kurt Harding | Stamp Center of Texas |
| 11 Eric A White | FERAL KAT STAMPS |

William Athens from the New Orleans Stamp Show has also requested a table. He deals only in supplies. Discussion was held about how important it was to have a supply dealer at the show. It was pointed out that William Burdick from Arkansas normally has supplies. Consensus was that if we have at least one dealer with supplies at the club it would be fine. Show Chairman **Rob O’Dell** to contact Burdick to make sure he is bringing supplies. If not we will try to find space William Athens who will on the list as first alternate in case someone cannot attend.

3. Publicity for Show

- a) **Felix Perez** designed this year’s flyer. A copy of the agenda passed out to members includes two flyers for them to post somewhere. (See Attachment 3 – GULFPEX 2024 flyer). 25 copies of the flyer were given to Eric White to be given out at the Nashville show.
- b) **Tom Adams** will contact Coffee News to get an ad for the show
- c) **Mike Kayes** will put the add in Linn’s
- d) **Bob Marousky** will contact APS to get a new mailing list for members in our area.
- e) **Rob O’Dell** will mail a letter and flyers to clubs in our area
- f) **Dr. John Barrett** with contact local TV stations.
- g) **Dean Kelly and Felix Perez** will work on publicizing the show on Social Media.

GULFPEX 2024 Publicity cont.

- h) Someone is needed to contact coast magazines, newspapers, casino's etc.
- i) Both the Huntsville and Memphis Clubs have been publicizing our show at meetings and on social media.
- j) **Felix Perez** is coordinating with Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs to promote our show.
- 4 Exhibits and exhibit chairperson

Discussion was held on how many frames of exhibits we want this year. Club members are slowing down on doing exhibits. Also the rules state you can't enter the same exhibit two years in a row unless there is at least a major change made in the exhibit. Decision postponed until the layout committee determines how much room will be available for exhibits.

It was agreed that the "Solar Eclipse Exhibit needs to be up front by the entrance.

- 5 Show Layout – Committee (**Rob O'Dell, Les Osborne, Mike Kayes and Tom/Pat Adams**)

Plan is for the Committee to meet later to develop a functional layout for the show.

- 6 Hospitality

Les Osborne, Pat Adams and Cathy Marousky will make the hospitality committee.

- 7 Show Insurance

Tom Adams volunteered to investigate and secure the Insurance policy for the show. He was given a target goal of keeping the cost under \$200.

- 8 Open for other items for GULFPEX

Discussion was held on several ideas to make the show interesting for collectors. Ideas such as having "how to" session on philatelic matters or maybe an expert panel for question and answer session.

New Business – Open for New Items

None

Announcements:

- 1. Next meeting will be at Mercy Housing on March 2, 2024
- 2. **Les Osborne** will be visiting Alaska this summer and plans to go to the North Pole. There is a post office there where you can mail letters with the "North Pole" cancellation. Any individual who would like to have mail sent from there please contact him.
- 3. **Dean Kelly** had several packets of crystal mounts that anyone can have.

Show and Tell:

- 1. **Dr. John Barrett** had a container full of philatelic literature that was free to members.
- 2. Karl Schoeck talked about an old album he purchased for a song and found a page with valuable Christmas Seals which he show. He also showed an old (possibly pre WW I) prepaid phone card.
- 3. Bob Marousky show two items: One was a First Day of Issue 6 cent Liberty reply postcard. Second was a cover from an early philatelic convention that had a bisected 3 cent stamp. That made the postage rate 1 ½ cents. That was at one time the rate for mailing unsealed envelopes. This rate was commonly used to mail Christmas cards.
- 4. **Les Osborne** talked about his First Day Cover for a reprinted stamp (635a). He also mentioned that there is a separate listing for First Day covers in the Scotts Specialized.

Volunteer for March Educational Program

Karl Schoeck volunteered to do a programs. Rob O'Dell volunteered to be back up incase Karl could not make the meeting.

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Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.

Educational Program

There was no educational program this month due to the work needed for GULFPEX 2024 planning.

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

Attachment 1 – Sign in sheet attached

Attachment 2 – November Treasurer’s Report

Attachment 3 – GULFPEX 2024 Flyer