

**September 9, 2023 Board Meeting
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:01 by President Rob O'Dell. Board Members attending 5 and 4 Club Members with 0 guests. Quorum for Board Meeting requirement met and meeting is Official. Meeting held at Mercy Housing in Gulfport (See Attached 1: Sign In Sheet)

Old Business

1 Progress on Members' survey

Delayed by Auction Planning. Treasurer to send each Board member a list of names to contact by phone. Treasurer will send digital copy of survey to each Board member.

2 Short report on progress of Auction Committee – Les Osborne

- Committee has had several meetings mainly working on the Rules and Procedures. Both of those items are in final draft stage and should be ready next month.
- Auction will be advertised on Club website and items posted on Club Facebook page. Details still to be established.
- Committee Chair will receive all the information (description, Scott number, catalog value, suggested starting bid, minimum bid (if applicable), and photographs). Seller will send the information to the Chairman so he can work on a catalog for posting on Facebook. The items will be brought to the auction for labeling two hours before the start of the auction. Club items and other items submitted early (for good reasons) will be stored in the Club storage locker until the auction.
- Treasurer has a spreadsheet that will be used for the auction.
- Item submission form and what type of label for lots is still to be determined.
- Discussion on should we have refreshments (pizza, donuts, ?) available before the auction still to be determined. This maybe needed if people are there 2 hours before auction starts.
- Deadline for submission and actual auction date still to be determined.

New Business

1 Resignation of Tom Adams from Board of Directors.

Name for his replacement are under consideration.

New Business (cont.)

2 Suggestions from Dr. Barrett

- Should we put a philatelic bio for each Board member on the website?
- Should we put a philatelic bio of Club members on the website?

After discussion, the Board voted against to doing the above. Reason is posting information like this might open up the individual to dangers such as robbery. It was also mentioned that old copies of the club roster should be shredded.

3 Club Non-Profit Status

- Do we or don't we have legal Non-Profit status?
- If no, should we apply for 503c3 Non-Profit status?

At this time our Club does not have official non-profit status. The two types of official non-profit status (Federal and State) were reviewed. It was determined that the Club did not need Federal non-profit status but State non-profit status is an option. Club President to investigate how to obtain this and will report to Board at next meeting.

Open for Other New Business

Dr. John Barrett talked about the need for estate planning and passed out some information. After discussion, it was determined this is a good idea but not really the Club's responsibility. There is information on estate planning on the APS website and a link to that information from our website might be appropriate. No action taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:42 pm.

Robert T. Marousky (official copy signed)

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Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

Attachment 1 – Sign in Sheet