

**September 9 2023 Business Meeting Minutes
Gulf Coast Stamp Club**

Called to order at 1:45 pm by President Rob O'Dell. Members attending 10 with 0 guests. Quorum requirement met and meeting is Official (See Attachment 1 – list of attendees). Meeting held at Mercy Housing Gulfport.

Approval of August 2023 minutes

August minutes were approved as posted online.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer verbal report approved. (See Attachment 2 – Treasurer's Report)

Standard Agenda Items

Website Update– Felix/Bob

Recent updates to the website include adding information on the Montgomery (AL) Stamp, Coin and Collectables show on October 7. This is in addition to the routine update of meeting minutes, agendas, and circuit content. The Power Point presentation on Google Lens has been put on line. There is a link on the home page.

Circuit Update– Bob

- We continue to have success with the circuit. August sales were over \$500.
- Does anyone have any additional items to add to the current list? Copy of current list attached (See Attachment 3 – List of items currently being requested for the circuit.)
- In the August circuit there was a stamp missing. It was from the Italy book and costed \$7.00. I paid for it so it wasn't an insurance claim. Requesting that I can add the price to my list of circuit expenses. Request approved (under \$50 President can approve without motion)
- The question was asked, should we try to get retired circuit books included in our monthly circuit. Circuit Manager to investigate.
- Assistant Circuit Manager Tom Adams would like to be replaced next year. The APS circuit update for 2024 is requested in October of each year. Therefore the person to fill the position of Assistant Circuit Manager is required on this update report.

Old Business

1..Sale of Club Library – Eric

No update – Eric not present.

2 Auction – Les

See information from Board Meeting.

3 Name Tags – Felix

List was submitted to Felix on August 11, 2023. He sent the list in for the name tags to be made, submitted the bill to the treasurer and bill has been paid. Name tags are expected to be delivered in early September.

Name tags have arrived but were not brought to the meeting. They will be passed out next meeting.

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Old Business (cont.)

4 Survey of Members

Report from Board meeting on progress on survey.

5. Purging of Club Membership Roster

Pending for information from with club member survey.

New Business

1 Need to determine Theme for GULFPEX 2024.

- Theme suggestions from Dr. Barrett, from past US issues: 100th: 1924 Huguenot-Walloon set; this will be 400th ann. of the French Protestant migration to Canada, 75th: Minn statehood, Wash/Lee univ., P.R. Elections, GAR, POE, 50th: The UPU issues, Bicent., Energy conservation(I would consider this!), Skylab
- Theme suggestion from Bob Marousky – The Barrier Islands.
- Open for other suggestions:
- Members were asked to bring ideas for themes to our next meeting.
- The question on do we need or want or not want a theme was raised?

2 Planning for Christmas Party

- Need planning committee? Still need volunteers.
- Location – Mercy Housing
- Date: December 2nd

3 Sharing Club Roster and GULFPEX mailing list with the New Orleans club. Have we received any lists?

- Kelly Johnson (Huntsville Stamp Club) and David Kiehn (Memphis) have agreed to repost at their discretion any information we forward to them.
- No information from the New Orleans Club. Will furnish copy of our roster to them upon receipt of their roster.

4 What are Members doing for the Stamp Collecting Month of October.

- Kids Packets: Bob Marousky is making up packets to give to kids. They usually include about 20 stamps with at least 5 United States. Definitives are not usually used in favor of a mix of new and older stamps. Bob has labels available it anyone who wants to make packets.
- Displays in local libraries. Bob Marousky has reserved the display cases at St. Martin's and Ocean Springs Libraries. If anyone wants to exhibit in one of them please see him after the meeting. Les Osborne has arranged to do something at the Pascagoula library. Dr. John Barrett will be placing the exhibit at St. Martins and Bob Marousky at Ocean Springs.

5..Donation to Mercy Housing

- After discussion the Club voted to make a \$100 donation to Mercy Housing at Christmas.
- Members will be encouraged to make a small donation every time we meet. This donation will a lagniappe for Mercy Housing.

6..Donation to St. Martin Library

Discussion was held on should we make a donation to St. Martin Library (via the Friends of the Library). Item tabled for further discussion.

Announcements:

Long time GULFPEX dealer and supporter of our Club, Fred Brafford has been diagnosed with terminal bladder cancer. He is undergoing treatment and more diagnostic testing. If you would like to drop him a card his address is: Fred Brafford, 15 North Drive, Shalimar, FL 32579.

Show and Tell:

- Bob Marousky showed advertising handout for the Memphis Stamp Club. It has a perf gauge printed on the back. It was developed by David Kiehn who is Bob's contact for the Memphis club. He passed out copies to those who wanted them. Also a wooden cane that Cathy decorated with stamps as a gag gift of a collector who recently turned 70. A Lithuanian revenue stamp from a bottle of champagne plus some ephemera from there was also shared.
- Karl Schoeck had a 1933 cover that was taken across the Huey Long Bridge in New Orleans on the day the bridge was dedicated.
- Dr. John Barrett had a drying book for when you soak stamps, a UV light that was different, and a rare 1850 cancel from a canton in Switzerland.
- Rob O'Dell showed the old red stamp album that will be placed in the Club auction.
- A stamp purchased from the circuit showing Nan Madol in the Federated States of Micronesia was shown for John Wright. The stamp is interesting because it shows the shore building made of large quartz stone on an island where there is no quartz. Additionally there is a sunken area where more quartz buildings were discovered. This part of the island has been related to the stories of the lost cities of Mu and Atlantis.

Volunteer for October Educational Program

Rob O'Dell will talk about how the plates for printing stamps are made.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 2:42 P.M.

Educational Program

Mike Kayes made a very interesting presentation on Ukrainian Stamps printed since the war began there. Presentation included highlights such as:

- The F you stamp with various rates.
- Covers from Ukraine in which he received some of the stamps he purchased, along with a map of the country to show where the covers originated.
- A cover that was delayed in the flooding after the bombing of a major dam.
- Many different stamps that showed the Ukrainians have a sense of humor when issuing stamps.
- Also stamps designed by children.

After the presentation, members remarked that his material could make an excellent exhibit.

Robert T. "Bob" Marousky
Secretary, Gulf Coast Stamp Club

Attachment 1 – Sign in sheet attached

Attachment 2 – August Treasurer's Report

Attachment 3 – List of items currently being requested for the circuit