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Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on January 27, 2020

Present: Gary Toth, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Secretary Phil Schorr, Frank Kollinger, Pat Morgan, President Guy Gasser, Mimi White, Lesa Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, John Deutch, Norb Wright, Roger Grider, Vice President Ed Bayham, Nathan Esbeck, Ken Grothoff, Marcus Meyerotto, Bill Raible, Paul Hicks, Jerry Schultz, Treasurer Gary Hendren

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Lesa Morgan won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$8.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Norb Wright.

Minutes: The September meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Paul.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported we have received \$435 in payments for the Christmas party and \$400 from dues. The major expense was \$987 for the Christmas party. The balance as of the end of December was \$17,172.25.

Secretary report:

-Phil noted that Lesa Morgan was featured in the latest edition of Topical Time, the magazine of the American Topical Association.

VP report:

-Ed reported that speaker slots for this year are filling up, with most months now having a scheduled speaker. Three slots were confirmed during the meeting.

Announcements:

-Guy noted that we will have the usual ballot completing for the APS poll on 2019 U.S. stamps during the February meeting. Ballots will be available at the meeting.

-Expo is getting close and volunteer opportunities will soon be made available. Guy reminded everyone that working at Expo brings AuctionBux dollars for the big auction in November.

-Guy noted that the APS Stamp Camp will be coming up in July and it is a great opportunity to increase your philatelic knowledge and meet other philatelists. Guy will be teaching a course on the Washington-Franklins.

-The location for StampFest for this year has not been settled, but Katrina and her committee have identified several possible sites.

-The editor of the newsletter, the Perf Dispatch, would like to begin including articles on various collecting interests to increase the value of the newsletter. Guy invited everyone to consider producing an article on their philatelic interests and Phil noted he has already received two articles, with the first to be included in the February Perf Dispatch.

-Gene noted that Socopex would be held on the usual second Saturday in January.

Program: Following the auction, Ed Bayham gave a program on the "U.S. Navy Yangtze Patrol – 1854-1949", showing a number of covers sent from these boats.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on February 24, 2020

Present: Joe Casey, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Larry Reutter, Pat Morgan, President Guy Gasser, David Mahsman, Tom DeGroot, Katrina Whitaker, Dennis O'Brien, John Deutch, Paul Hicks, Secretary Phil Schorr, Nathan (& Christina) Esbeck, Tom Minor, and Vice President Edward Bayham.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Larry Reutter won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$8.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Pat Morgan.

Minutes: The January meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Gene and a second by Paul.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the balance as of the end of January was \$17,399.50.

Secretary report:

-Phil thanked John Deutch for writing an article for the Perf Dispatch and invited other club members to do the same, since it adds to the value of the newsletter. He then made a special presentation to Dennis O'Brien.

VP report:

-Ed was able to fill the remaining speaker slots, with David Mahsman volunteering for August and Gene Stewart taking September.

Announcements:

- Dennis reported that the Indypex show lost money this year and also in past years. Details of their show that cost money were discussed.
- Guy noted that the committee is still researching possible locations for Stampfest, and that we will need to make a decision soon.
- Expo is getting close and volunteer opportunities will soon be made available. Guy reminded everyone that working at Expo brings AuctionBux dollars for the big auction in November.
- Guy noted that Scott Ward's collection of special delivery material was auctioned recently by Kelleher with a catalog dedicated solely to the collection and brought excellent results. A copy of the catalog was added to the club archives.
- The Breakfast Club continues to meet on the second Monday and everyone is invited.
- Gene noted that Socopex would be held on the usual second Saturday in February.
- Everyone received a ballot and voted in the Linns U.S. stamp poll, with only minor coaching from Dennis.

Program: Gary Hendren gave a program on St. Louis stamp dealers in business prior to 1960. He showed examples of many of their envelopes with corner cards.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on March 23, 2020

Meeting was cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 Virus and the resulting St Louis County Quarantine which required the Kirkwood Community Center to close.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on April 27, 2020

Meeting was cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 Virus and the resulting St Louis County Quarantine which required the Kirkwood Community Center to close

May Club Meeting on May 18th is currently still scheduled.

*NOTE: May meeting is the 3rd Monday as a result of the Memorial Day Holiday on the 4th Monday.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on May 25, 2020

Meeting was cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 Virus and the resulting St Louis County Quarantine which required the Kirkwood Community Center to close

June Club Meeting on June 22nd is currently still scheduled but we will not be sure the Community City will open and allow the meeting until June 15th.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on June 22, 2020

Present: Pat Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, Nathan Esbeck, David Mahsman, Norb Wright, Lesa Morgan, John Deutch, Dennis O'Brien, Larry Reutter, Ed Bayham, Phil Schorr, Guy Gasser (almost)

The meeting was called to order shortly after 7:00 p.m.

Program: Ed Bayham introduced Nathan Esbeck, who presented his program on Bahama Special Delivery stamps sold in and used from Canada to provide for special delivery service once the cover reached the Bahamas.

Announcements:

- We will learn the first week in July whether we will be able to hold a regular meeting at the Kirkwood Community Center next month. It will depend upon the rules for number of people allowed in a meeting room.
- Socopex is currently scheduled to take place in July at the usual time and place.
- Expo is still expected to take place in August with a full complement of dealers.
- Bill Raible has a new location for his stamp store. He is open Wednesday and Saturday by appointment only at this point.
- Pat thanked everyone who has checked out the new website and given him feedback. One feature that will be new is the ability to query the library to see if a given book is available.
- Katrina asked if everyone would be happy to hold another Zoom membership meeting if we can't use the Kirkwood facility yet. The concensus was positive.
- Ed announced that Jerry Schultz will give the July program on the subject of "Oil". Pat will assist him in getting the program online if we must meet by Zoom again.
- Guy was never able to overcome his computer issues to actively join the meeting. We could see him, but that was it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on July 27, 2020

Present: Frank Kollinger, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Bob Ogrodnik, Joe Casey, David Mahsman, Pat Morgan, President Guy Gasser, John Deutch, Dennis O'Brien, Lesa Morgan, Nathan Esbeck, Roger Grider, Secretary Phil Schorr, Larry Reutter, Tom Minor, Paul Hicks, Vice President Ed Bayham.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Paul Hicks won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$8.50). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was won by Roger Grider.

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Pat and second by John.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the balance on January 1st was \$16,537.25. As of July 27 it was \$16,954.14.

Secretary report:

-Phil encouraged everyone to consider writing an article on an aspect of their collecting for publication in the Perf-Dispatch. Bob Ogrodnik noted that it is adding to the value of the newsletter.

VP report:

-Ed reviewed the program line-up for coming meetings, noting that we now have programs scheduled through March of next year.

Announcements:

- Guy reported that the Breakfast Club is now meeting again, subject to the rules announced by the County Executive. He is hoping more members will attend.
- Guy noted that the July Socopex worked well, although attendance was down due to health concerns. The dealers and customers were all wearing masks throughout the bourse.
- Expo is getting close and may be the only major stamp show taking place for the rest of 2020. There will only be dealers and exhibits this year, with the kids room and other peripherals being cancelled. Guy was able to get enough volunteers for putting up the exhibits on Thursday and taking them down on Sunday, but more workers are welcome.
- Bob Ogrodnik said he had several bags of journals from various stamp societies to give away to anyone wanting them. Guy also had some free magazines on the table.
- Phil noted the club needs to have information on how many members belong to the APS and ATA to be considered a member club and receive benefits such as their magazines. Please update your Profile on the new website to show your memberships.

Program: Pat Morgan walked us through the new website he has built for the club. He encouraged everyone to visit the site to update their Profile and see all the exciting new features, including articles published from around the internet and daily updates.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 24, 2020

Present: Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Secretary Phil Schorr, President Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Paul Hicks, David Mahsman, Dennis O'Brien, Roger Grider, Vice President Ed Bayham, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Guy Gasser won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$6.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was also won by Guy Gasser. An investigation may be in order.

Minutes: The July meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Katrina and second by Gene.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the balance on January 1st was \$16,537.25. As of August 24 it was \$16,962.64.

Secretary report:

-Phil mentioned John Deutch is still looking for info on the Philadelphia Public Herald labels he found. Nathan Esbeck showed a printout of a page from eBay showing a cover with a similar label. Most agree they were used by the paper to direct bundles of mail to the proper location.

VP report:

-Ed noted that we now have programs scheduled through March of next year, but additional volunteers would be great. The September program will be by Gene Stewart.

Announcements:

- Guy reported that Expo was successful with over 170 paid attendees and 21 dealers. This is only about 1/3 the number we usually have but, given the pandemic, it was quite good. The dealers were generally satisfied with their results, as were the buyers.
- Guy has received calls from around the country from those wondering how Expo went. Some shows may now be held after hearing how ours went. The podcast and Linns column from Alex Haimann were quite helpful with spreading the word.
- Socopex will be held on September 12. The August bourse was down a little from normal, but it went well with all wearing masks and maintaining safe distance.
- Breakfast club is meeting again and all were encouraged to attend.
- The club meeting next month will include an auction. We hope to see more members in attendance. We are meeting in the gym with plenty of room between people and all wearing masks.
- Guy explained Philatelic Jeopardy for those who have never taken part in it.

Program: David Mahsman presented a very well done program on Martin Luther as shown on stamps and covers. His creative use of the capabilities of the computer was impressive.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on August 24, 2020

Present: President Guy Gasser, Roger Grider, Gene Stewart, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Tom Minor, Secretary Phil Schorr, John Deutch, Pat Morgan, Treasurer Gary Hendren, David Mahsman, Lesa Morgan, Vice President Ed Bayham, Dennis O'Brien, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck and guest Shelly Crosson.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: Phil Schorr won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$7.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was also won by John Deutch.

Minutes: The July meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Ed.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the balance on January 1st was \$16,537.25. As of September it was \$16,738.18..

Secretary report:

-Phil mentioned his connection with the ongoing research by John Deutch. He also mentioned that Mark Bassett has moved and has a new address in St. Charles.

VP report:

-Ed noted that we now have programs scheduled through March of next year, but additional volunteers would be great. The October meeting will be Philatelic Jeopardy. He also noted we had a guest, Shelley Crosson.

Announcements:

- Guy reminded everyone that the October Socopex will be on the first Saturday, Oct. 5, due to a scheduling problem with the hotel. Everyone must wear a mask.
- Guy reviewed which upcoming shows around the country have been cancelled and which ones are still on at the present time.
- Sybergs is still not locked down as the location for our annual Christmas dinner, but Guy is hoping to schedule it for Dec. 3 and to not have a guaranteed number of attendees.
- If you have any items you are planning to put in the AuctionBux auction, be sure to tell Ken soon so he can get the list finished and all the items listed.
- The time has come for elections for Vice President and Secretary. A nominating committee is needed. Ed and Pat volunteered.

Update: John Deutch gave a quick update on his research on the Public Herald labels/seals.

Program: Gene Stewart gave a talk on Swiss stamps/labels used by Swiss military units during the world wars. He gave a sample of them to each person in attendance.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting on October 26, 2020

Present: Treasurer Gary Hendren, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gene Stewart, David Mahsman, Tom Minor, Katrina Whitaker, President Guy Gasser, Shelley Crossen, John Deutch, Frank Kollinger, Larry Reutter, Roger Grider, Vice President Ed Bayham, Pat Morgan, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck and Philippa Esbeck.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Drawings: John Deutch won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$6.50). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future Stampfest was also won by Roger Grider.

Minutes: The July meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Gene and second by Katrina.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported the balance had only changed from the deposit of \$7.00 from the last 50/50.

Secretary report:

-Phil mentioned the problem with HP ink cartridges and hoped the problem would be resolved by the time of the next Perf Dispatch.

VP report:

-Ed reported that we now have a speaker for the first four months of next year, with Christina Esbeck volunteering to tell us about her Cupcake exhibit at the April meeting.

-Ed also mentioned we have an election coming up, with the positions of Vice President and Secretary to be decided. Anyone interested in either of these positions should contact Ed.

Announcements:

-Pat introduced our new member, Shelley Crossen. Welcome, Shelley.

-Guy reminded everyone next month will be the AuctionBux auction. We currently have over 90 items up for bids, including plenty of China stamps to help build that new collection. Do not bring additional items the night of the auction unless you have already cleared it with Ken Grothoff. 90 is already more than enough.

-Guy reported the Christmas party will be at Sybergs on Dec. 3. The cost will be \$15 per person, as usual. The food will be a buffet, but it will be served by Sybergs employees cafeteria style, with a plastic sheet between the guests and servers. Masks are required except when eating. Depending upon how many people attend, seating will be either 6 or 4 per table. If the attendance is going to be quite small, we may order from the menu rather than having the buffet. A show of hands indicated attendance will be good.

-Gene reminded everyone Socopex will be on November 14.

Program: Guy conducted the annual Philatelic Jeopardy contest, with able help from Philippa keeping score. Gary and Nathan's team won going away. All participants earned AuctionBux to use in the auction next month.

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on November 23, 2020

Present: President Guy Gasser, Tom Minor, Gene Stewart, Treasurer Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Pat Morgan, Secretary Phil Schorr, Larry Reutter, Roger Grider, Shelley Crossen, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck, David Mahsman, Lesa Morgan, Katrina Whitaker, guest Richard Thies

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Drawings: Larry Reutter won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$7.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by guest Lesa Morgan.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved following a motion by Pat and a second by David.

Treasurer report:

-Gary reported almost no change in our funds, with just a \$7.50 deposit the past month.

Secretary report?

-Phil noted that dues for 2021 and payments for the Christmas party were due.

Announcements:

- Guy noted we have programs lined up for the first four months of 2021, but we need members to volunteer to give programs for April thru September.
- Due to the restrictions placed by the County on restaurants, it is still unclear whether we will be able to hold the Christmas party this year. Guy will let us know soon.
- Guy introduced a guest and potential new member, Richard Thies
- Socopex will be held on December 12.
- As usual, there will be no December meeting nor newsletter.
- Katrina Whitaker was elected as the Vice President and Phil Schorr as Secretary for 2021/22.

Auction: The big annual auction using AuctionBux was conducted by Guy.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.