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Minutes from General Membership meeting January 23, 2023

Present: Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Nathan Esbeck, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Pat Morgan, John Deutch, Frank Kollinger, Norb Wright, Dennis O'Brien, Larry Reutter, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, President Guy Gasser, David Mahsman, Gary Liess, Tom Minor, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies.

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

Drawings: Roger won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$10.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by Phil.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Pat and second by David.

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,609.79. More detail is available on the club website as page 2 of these minutes.

Secretary report: Phil reported 52 of our 66 members have already paid their 2023 dues. He also reported that the club has purchased an electronic watermark detector for member use. He has the detector if anyone would like to try it out.

VP report: Katrina was out of town on business, so Guy reported that we still have four open months for members to present programs.

Announcements:

- Guy stated we will need volunteers to help with Expo in March. The primary need will be for people to help set up the exhibit frames and mount exhibits on Thursday, as well as taking them down on Sunday. We also need people to help with the Kid's room and with the Registration desk and our club desk. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at the February meeting.
- In answer to a question, Guy stated the list of dealers for Expo is available on the Expo website at stlouisstampexpo.com.
- Guy introduced a visitor – John Thake – who may join the club.
- Gary Liess asked about how to decide what items to submit for the monthly auction.
- Further discussion of the new watermark detector suggested that it might not be the first choice for U.S. stamps, but could do well for European stamps and possibly as a way to make cancels clearer if the various color filters are used.
- John Deutch requested a review of how to use the club website. Pat agreed to present a program on it at the May meeting.
- Jerry said he is looking into ways and locations to revive the Second Saturday bourse.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Christina and Philippa presented the program and did a great job. Following the program, they invited everyone to enjoy the cookies that made and brought to the meeting.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting February 27, 2023

Present: Roger Grider, Bill Beeler, Gary Hendren, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Larry Reutter, Barbara Horter, Gene Stewart, Shelley Crossen, Norb Wright, John Deutch, Secretary Phil Schorr, Treasurer Pat Morgan, David Mahsman, Ed Bayham, Richard Thies, Noel Stasiak, Jerry Schultz, President Guy Gasser, Nathan Esbeck, Christina Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck.

Vice President Katrina Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drawings: Ed Bayham won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$11.50). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was won by John.

Minutes: The November meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Bill and second by Ed.

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,488.60. More detail is available on the club website as page 2 of these minutes.

Secretary report: Phil reported 54 of our 66 members have already paid their 2023 dues. He also reported that the club has purchased an electronic watermark detector for member use. He has the detector if anyone would like to try it out.

VP report: Katrina reported that only the August and September speaker slots are still open. If you want to give a talk, now would be a good time to let her know.

Announcements:

- Katrina introduced our newest member, Noel "Chief" Stasiak. She also introduced a visitor, Barb Horter.
- Guy arrived late due to travel from a show in California. He asked for volunteers to work at Expo and pointed out the sign-up sheets on the front table. Workers are needed to help set up the exhibit frames on Wednesday, to set up the kids' room on Thursday, and to work at Registration and our club table throughout the show.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Ed Bayham gave a program showing all the routes and stops he took on a "round the world" trip in his younger days, much of it illustrated with maps and covers he sent and received during the trip.



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Minutes from General Membership meeting March 27, 2023

Present: President Guy Gasser, Lesa Morgan, Gary Hendren, Treasurer Pat Morgan, John Deutch, Tom Minor, Secretary Phil Schorr, David Sullivan, Norb Wright, Carol Hesselbein, Gene Stewart, Barbara Horter, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, guest Fred Baue, Bill Beeler, Bob Dickherber, Frank Kollinger, David Mahsman, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Noel Stasiak, Richard Thies

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

Drawings: Katrina Whitaker won the 50/50 cash prize drawing (\$21.00). The attendance prize \$10 Certificate for use at a future StampFest was also won by Katrina.

Minutes: The February meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Gary and second by Bill.

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,395.93. More detail is available to members on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported we are down to just 9 of our members who have yet to pay their dues for 2023. The newsletter this month contained an article from Pat and a poem from Frank.

VP report: Katrina reported that only one speaker slot is still open for this year. If you want to give a talk, now would be a good time to let her know.

Announcements:

- Katrina introduced a guest, Fred Baue, who indicated he had a large number of stamps he inherited and would like some advice on them.
- She then welcomed Ron McVay back to membership after being away for several years. Ron requested his old member number of 8, which was granted.
- Pat reported that for next month members may bring auction lots to be included in the auction for that night. This is an experiment to see how it goes.
- Gary reported there will be a post card show in Caseyville, IL the following weekend
- Guy reported Expo next year will be March 22-24. Attendance this year was up from 320 last year to 360 this year, one of the few shows to have increased attendance.
- StampFest will be August 19-20 this year at the Kirkwood CC. Tom Minor will chair it. We will need someone to chair the Concession Stand. Katrina reminded of the pot luck.
- The renovation of the Kirkwood CC will now begin on September 1. We don't yet know where our meetings will be those last three months.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Norb Wright presented a lively talk on the Yangtze River Patrol carried out by the U.S. in China. He had photos of all the boats used in the patrol, with at least one cover cancelled on each of the boats, along with several anecdotes about happenings during that time.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting April 24, 2023

Present: Ron McVay, Noel Stasiak, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Shelley Crossen, Bill Beeler, President Guy Gasser, Ed Pieper, Ed Bayham, Gary Hendren, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Barb Horter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Norb Wright, David Mahsman, Frank Kollinger, Tom Minor, Dennis O'Brien, Nathan Esbeck, Jerry Schultz, John Deutch.

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

Drawings: Ed Pieper won the 50/50 for \$21. Noel Stasiak won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The March meeting Minutes were approved - motion by David and second by Ron.

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$17,305.12. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported we ended up losing 7 of our existing members. However, we have already gained 7 new members this year, so we are holding at 65 paid members. He also reported on the results of Linn's stamp poll.

VP report: Katrina was ill and could not attend the meeting.

Announcements:

- Guy reported we have speakers lined up for every month but September this year. Act quickly if you want to give a program that month.
- StampFest this year will be August 19-20 this year. Since the work on the Community Center now won't start until September, our show is safe. We currently have 13 dealers signed up to be here, and we expect a few more.
- Tom Minor will again chair StampFest, but we still need someone to step up and agree to be chair of the Concession Stand. We have plenty of documentation to help the chair with buying the needed food and supplies. This is an important part of StampFest for attendees and dealers, who greatly appreciate it.
- John Deutch took a couple of minutes to expand upon his newsletter article on "The Language of Stamps". He distributed handouts with additional information.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Don Woodworth gave a very interesting and professional program on the use of revenue stamps during the Civil War. He included pictures of several revenue stamps dated on the date of Civil War battles and walked us through the history of one of his ancestors who participated in the Civil War.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting May 22, 2023

Present: Ron McVay, President Guy Gasser, Gene Stewart, Secretary Phil Schorr, Ed Pieper, Lesa Morgan, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Larry Reutter, Shelly Crossen, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Norb Wright, Bell Beeler, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, John Deutch, David Mahsman, Tom Minor, Barb Horter, Frank Kollinger, Noel Stasiak, Richerd Thies, Philippa Esbeck, Nathan Esbeck, Jerry Schultz.

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

Drawings: Ed Bayham won the 50/50 for \$25. Lesa Morgan won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The April meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Bill and second by Ron.

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,216.12. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil noted the larger than usual Perf-Dispatch for this month. He also reminded everyone of the large stamp collection we received as a gift. Beginner collectors can come to Phil's house to find the necessary stamps. On July 1 we will offer the entire collection to dealers for purchase.

VP report: Katrina said the September meeting speaker slot is still open. She also reminded everyone of the potluck dinner at StampFest and outlined how it will be handled this year.

Announcements:

- Guy reported we are attempting to form a group of those who collect U.S. new issues. The plan will be to share new issues so everyone doesn't have to buy a complete pane to get one stamp.
- In years past the club had a breakfast gathering that met once a month, open to all members. That group finally faded away. A lunch group has now been started, gathering once a month. The first lunch took place in Fenton in April. Norb will now lead the lunch group, getting together on the second Monday of each month. The next gathering will be on June 12 at Syberg's on Dorsett at 11:30.
- Guy reported he will be out of town for the June meeting, and Katrina will be involved with a business meeting. Therefore, Phil will chair the next meeting.
- In addition to the "Lick and stick" during the July meeting, the volunteer sign-up lists for StampFest will be available at that meeting. Please volunteer to work for an hour or two. StampFest is a major source of funds for the club, so we want to make it a success and encourage the dealers to come back.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Our Webmaster, Pat Morgan, took us through many of the features of our club website. Signing in and getting started using the website is simple. The amount of information on the website is amazing, with much of it limited to members who have signed in. Give it a try. You'll be glad you did.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting June 26, 2023

Present: Secretary Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Bill Beeler, Jerry Schultz, Frank Kollinger, Lesa Morgan, Guest Barbara Barnes, Barb Horter, Norb Wright, John Deutch, Dennis O'Brien, Roger Grider, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, Gary Hendren, David Mahsman, Nathan Esbeck, Philippa Esbeck, Bryce Esbeck, Gene Stewart, Larry Reutter, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Richard Thies, Ed Pieper

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Secretary Phil Schorr called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drawings: Ed Pieper won the 50/50 for \$14. Lesa Morgan won the attendance prize (AGAIN).

Minutes: The June meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Ed P. and second by Ed B..

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$17,482.66. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reminded everyone the large collection we received 18 months ago will only be available for newer collectors to add to their collections until the end of June. It will be offered for sale the first week in July. He also made another request for our knowledgeable members to share their knowledge by writing articles for the Perf-Dispatch.

Announcements:

- Phil thanked Barb Horter for agreeing to take on the Refreshment Stand at StampFest. This was greeted with a great round of applause.
- Pat introduced our guest, Barbara Barnes.
- Tom Minor put out sign up sheets for the various tasks involved with StampFest and invited everyone to sign up to help with these jobs.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard, with 31 lots this month.

Program: Nathan Esbeck educated everyone about the small souvenir items that used to be allowed to be sent through the mail without any packaging. He explained how the postage cost for this changed many times at the Postal Service attempted to decide how to handle them. Nathan brought his collection of these items, many of the mailed with a mailing tag attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary



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Minutes from General Membership meeting July 23, 2023

Present: Bill Beeler, Gary Hendren, Ed Pieper, Dennis O'Brien, Secretary Phil Schorr, John Deutch, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Tom Minor, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, William Wathern, Frank Kollinger, Barb Horter, Larry Reutter, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Carol Hesselbein, Chief Stasiak

In the absence of the President, Vice President Katrina Whitaker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drawings: Ed Pieper won the 50/50 for \$20.50. Richard Thies won the attendance prize.

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

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$17,256.86 at the end of June. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that the large collection donated to the club 18 months ago has been sold and is now out of his house. Many of our less experienced collectors were able to add stamps to their collections for free from it. The selling price was \$1,500.

Announcements:

- Katrina reminded everyone of the need for volunteers to help with StampFest and urged everyone to sign up on the available lists.
- The Pot Luck will take place on Saturday during StampFest. Please indicate what you plan to bring so we know what is still needed.
- The show starts at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 19.
- If you plan to have auction lots for the big auction during StampFest, please try to get them to Jerry Schultz in advance so he can get everything organized.
- Pat thanked everyone who responded to his request for suggestions on improving the website.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: The "Lick and Stick" process was carried out, preparing 750 post cards and almost 500 letters to be mailed to invite people to StampFest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting August 28, 2023

Present: President Guy Gasser, Gary Hendren, Ed Pieper, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Lesa Morgan, Secretary Phil Schorr, Guest Barbara Barnes, Shelley Crossen, Bill Beeler, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Barb Horter, Noel Stasiak, Ron McVay, Dennis O'Brien, John Deutch, Alan Barasch, Tom Minor, Philippa Esbeck, Ed Bayham, Jerry Schultz, Norb Wright, Richard Thies, Carol Hesselbein, John Kendl, Dennis Ripplinger, Jeff LaPonsie, Dennis Bickel, Christina Esbeck, Frank Kollinger, Michael Karasick.

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

Drawings: Guy won the 50/50 for \$25.50. Phil won the attendance prize.

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

Treasurer report: Pat's Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,460.01 at the end of July. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that, due to new memberships related to StampFest, our membership has now grown to 72, well above the 50 or so just a few years ago.

Vice President report: Katrina thanked everyone who brought food for the Pot Luck. She introduced new members and prospective members John Kendl, Dennis Ripplinger, Jeff LaPonsie and Barbara Barnes. She reported that Christina won the Youth Champion of Champions competition at the Great American Stamp Show this year and was invited to be one of the speakers at the First Day of Issue ceremony during GASS. The Christmas party will be held on an early Thursday in December, with the precise date to be determined. She also invited everyone to commit to presenting a program in 2024.

Announcements:

- Gene and Guy described our Philatelic Jeopardy program at the October meeting, including the result that the teams received AuctionBux to use in the big November club auction.
- Guy noted that the officers were all wearing new club shirts at this meeting. Due to the great financial condition of the club, including the proceeds from the sale of the large contributed collection, it has been decided these shirts will be made available to all club members, with the only cost being attending a meeting, signing the sheet to request a shirt, and indicating the shirt size needed.
- The OPEL+ lunch gatherings continue on the second Monday of each month. Why not attend and enjoy lunch and conversation with other members of the club?
- The club has bottles of watermark fluid available for our members at wholesale cost of \$17.

Auction: The monthly auction was conducted by David and Richard.

Program: Alan Barasch presented an interesting program on computers on stamps and their uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Minutes from General Membership meeting September 25, 2023

Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Gene Stewart, Gary Hendren, Larry Reutter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Tom Minor, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Bill Beeler, Carol Hesselbein, Jeff LaPonsie, Ron McVay, Ed Bayham, Dennis Ripplinger, Richard Thies, Noel Stasiak, Nathan Esbeck.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drawings: Phil won the 50/50 for \$9.00. Richard won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The August meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Bill and second by Ed.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$19,499.09 at the end of July. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that, due to new memberships related to StampFest, our membership has now grown to 73, well above the 50 or so just a few years ago. He had to order additional name badge holders due to the membership growth.

Vice President report: Katrina had the new club shirts for those who ordered them last month. Club members should let her know if they want one. The Christmas party will be held in early December at Syberg's on Dorsett, as always. The exact date isn't firm yet. Programs for 2024 are needed. Let Katrina know what month you would like. The club is selling watermark fluid for the wholesale cost of \$17.00 per bottle.

Suggestions were made by members that "How do I do it?" meetings on such topics as watermarking, perf gauges, and so forth would be helpful. Since that works better with small groups, it probably wouldn't fit as a regular program, but we have considered having some special sessions with breakout groups to teach these subjects. We need to find a way to do this.

Announcements:

- The program for October is Philatelic Jeopardy, which takes a long time to complete, so there will be no auction next month.
- Guy reported a nominating committee is needed for officer elections. He is looking for volunteers.
- The OPEL+ lunch gatherings continue on the second Monday of each month. Why not attend and enjoy lunch and conversation with other members of the club?

Auction: No auction this month due to lack of auction items.

Program: Ron McVay presented a program on the 90 cent stamps issued from the 1860s through the 1880s. He passed around examples of these stamps and pointed out the differences.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Present: President Guy Gasser, Frank Kollinger, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Ed Pieper, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Secretary Phil Schorr, Bill Beeler, Norb Wright, Philippa Esbeck, Barbara Horter, Gene Stewart, Christina Esbeck, Roger Grider, Ed Bayham, Ron McVay, David Mahsman, John Kendl, Larry Reutter, Jerry Schultz, Richard Thies, Carol Hesselbein, Chief Stasiak, Nathan Esbeck.

President Guy Gasser called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Drawings: Pat won the 50/50 for \$23.00. David won the attendance prize.

Minutes: The Septamber meeting Minutes were approved - motion by Barb and second by Ron.

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$17,997.05 at the end of September. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that dues are now due. The notice for the dues, as well as the form for Christmas Party reservations, were included with the October Perf-Dispatch.

Vice President report: Katrina reminded everyone the club Christmas party will be held at Syberg's on Dorset on Monday, December 11. The doors will open at 6:30 and the festivities will begin around 7:15. Also, the January and February club meetings will be workshops on basic topics like watermarking, perf gauges, and similar issues. The rest of 2024 is open for speakers. Don't be afraid to volunteer. She also reminded everyone the new club shirts are now available. If you haven't yet requested one, contact Katrina and supply her with the size you need.

Announcements:

- The program for November is the annual AuctionBux auction. Please let Jerry Schultz know of any items you plan to donate for the auction. Jerry will conduct the auction in his usual efficient way.
- Guy reported our one man Nominating Committee will report on candidates for President and Treasurer. The election for these offices will then be held. Anyone interested in running for one of these offices may enter their name at the meeting or by contacting Dennis O'Brien in advance.
- Gene reminded everyone of the Second Saturday show. It is worth attending. You never know when one of the dealers will have the stamp you have been wanting.

Auction: The regular auction will be replaced this month by the AuctionBux auction.

Program: Guy conducted the Philatelic Jeopardy contest with the usual challenging philatelic answers, requiring the contestants to provide the questions. After a long and tight competition among the three teams, Team Secretary pulled it out with a huge wager on the Final Jeopardy question.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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

Drawings: Ed Pieper won the 50/50 for \$21.50. Bill Beeler won the attendance prize.

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

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$18,135.63 at the end of October. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that dues for next year have been paid by over half the current members. He urged everyone to get them paid so they don't miss out.

Vice President report: Katrina reminded everyone the club Christmas party will be held at Syberg's on Dorset on Monday, December 11. The doors will open at 6:30 and the festivities will begin around 7:15. Also, the January and February club meetings will be workshops on basic topics like watermarking, perf gauges, and similar issues. Be sure to bring your watermark trays and fluid, your perf gauges, tongs, and loupe or magnifying glass. The rest of 2024 is open for speakers. Don't be afraid to volunteer. She also reminded everyone the new club shirts are now available. If you haven't yet requested one, contact Katrina and supply her with the size you need.

Announcements:

- The next big philatelic event will be Expo in late March. There are still plenty of openings for exhibits. Volunteers will be needed to make sure the show runs well.

Election: Guy Gasser was nominated for President by Phil, with second by Norb, and was elected by acclamation. Pat Morgan was nominated for Treasurer by Gene, seconded by Norb, and was elected by acclamation.

Auction: The AuctionBux auction was conducted by Jerry Schultz, with much laughter and spirited bidding for some of the approximately 70 items.

Program: There was no formal program this month, with the auction dominating the action.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary