



Greater Mound City Stamp Club

APS Chapter #344
Since 1952

Mission: Encourage and promote the study of philately while fostering friendship and fraternity among philatelists.

Minutes from General Membership meeting March 25, 2024

Present: President Guy Gasser, Larry Reutter, Gene Stewart, Vice President Katrina Whitaker, Bill Beeler, Barb Horter, Secretary Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Frank Kollinger, Carol Hesselbein, Bob Hessler, John Deutch, Roger Grider, Ron McVay, Tom Minor, David Mahsman, John Wemhoener, Treasurer Pat Morgan, Richard Thies, Chief Stasiak

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

Drawings: Bill Beeler won the 50/50 for \$22.50. John Wemhoener won the attendance prize.

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

Treasurer report: The Treasurer report showed total net assets of \$16,412.24 at the end of January. More detail is available on the club website @ <https://greatermoundcity.org/treasurers-report/>

Secretary report: Phil reported that the April Opel+ meeting has been canceled since it fell on the same day as the solar eclipse. He stated that we have 2 new members – Tom Kinberg and John Wemhoener. We still have 9 members who haven't paid their dues and probably are dropping out. He read the list of names of the 9 and asked anyone who knows them to encourage them to send in their dues.

Vice President report: Katrina stated that the Workshop would continue at the April meeting. She reminded everyone there are still several months open for member programs, beginning with May.

Announcements:

- Pat encouraged everyone to log into and check out the website and its new features. He plans to have a section where members can post their Want lists. There also will be a section listing any free giveaways, and he invited members to suggest other things that could be posted there.
- Speaking for the dealers, Ron thanked everyone who volunteered at Expo. It was a success.
- Guy said all the printed material for Expo was designed by Tom Minor. The total paid attendance was 430, up from last year, and trending up toward pre-Covid numbers. The unfortunate parking issues were the responsibility of the hotel and their new equipment. Expo 2025 will be March 21-23.
- Although the parking area for tonight was reduced, we were able to get to our regular meeting room by the usual route. As the work on the building ramps up, we may have to use an alternate entrance or move the meetings to another location. Guy will keep the membership updated as more info arrives.

Auction: David and Richard conducted the monthly auction..

Program: Katrina focused the workshop mostly on watermarks, although the various types of tongs were again illustrated, since we wanted everyone to use them during the watermark workshop. She illustrated some of the types of watermarks on U.S. stamps. Then U.S. stamps and watermark trays were distributed and the members attempted to locate the watermarks on the stamps.

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

Phil Schorr, GMCSA Secretary