

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership Meeting on June 22, 2015, at Tropicana Lanes

Present: Katrina Whitaker, Alan Barasch, Gene Stewart, Tom Minor, Roger Grider, David Marsh, Phil Schorr, Paul Miles, Tom DeGroot and Nate Esbeck.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38pm with 10 members in attendance.

May Minutes. Katrina briefly read thru each point in the May 2015 minutes which were then approved as read. Motion made by Roger Grider and seconded by Gene Stewart. The minutes will be on the club website for future reference.

Attendance drawings.

- Roger Grider won the 50/50 cash prize and Phil Schorr won the attendance drawing.

Finance report.

- Gary Hendren was not present so no report was issued.

Committees.

- Stampfest.

- The show dates for Stampfest are set for 29-30 August, 2015, in the gymnasium of Parkway Central HS. Friday afternoon/evening August 28 is set up for dealer tables and concession stand.

- Tom Minor reported there will be no exhibits and Gary Hendren now has 18 dealers under contract.

- Tom mentioned that Dave Marsh will assist with food purchases and sales at the concession stand.

- Tom passed around a list for members to begin signing up to work at various times during the 2 day show. At our July meeting, Tom will distribute post cards/stamps for members to mail encouraging messages to prospective attendees.

Library: Nothing to report.

Visitors: None

Announcements.

- Gene Stewart's next Stamp Bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, July 11, with an auction.

- A reminder that our July 27 meeting will be at Tropicana Lanes starting at 7:30pm. In August, we will return to our normal meeting location in Parkway Central HS.

New Business:

- Alan Barasch mentioned that 1st class postal rates will be reduced sometime in August to about 48 cents.

- Roger Grider will present at our July meeting on "How to Use the Scott Catalogs".

- Alan Barasch confirmed his intention not to run again for club Secretary and News Letter Editor/Publisher. He described the duties of both and asked all members to seriously consider running for both positions. Katrina mentioned the Secretary is an elected position and will be voted on during the Fall.

Old Business.

- Club Logo Contest.
Guy Gasser said he has received 3 entries to date and encourages all members to make a serious effort to submit a creative entry. Plans are to pick a winning logo at our July meeting.

- Meeting Auctions:
Katrina reminded us that the officers had decided in May to reduce the number of regular meeting auctions to 3 times a year. The reason given for this change was the lack of lots (1 or 2) being submitted each month, and a lack of participation in the auction by the members. Tom DeGroot and Dave Marsh questioned this decision as both of them normally submit 4-6 lots at each meeting auction. Both John Deutch and Gary have also been regular lot contributors. Katrina asked us to express our objections to this change to the officers for further consideration. She also wants the members to submit the countries that interest them so that lots of interest can be available for monthly bidding.

Presentation: Bob Ogradnick was scheduled to speak tonight on Poland but did not attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Dave Marsh