

Greater Mound City Stamp Club

Minutes from General Membership meeting on June 27, 2016
at Tropicana Lanes in Clayton, MO

Present: Guy Gasser, Katrina Whitaker, Gene Stewart, Roger Grider, Dave Marsh, Phil Schorr, Gary Hendren, Tom Minor, Frank Kollinger, Bob Ogradnik, Ken Grothoff, Norb Wright, Larry Reutter, Marcus Meyerotto, Nathan Esbeck.

Guy called the meeting to order at 7:59pm with 15 members and 2 guests in attendance. One guest was Tom Dawson of Webster Groves Stamp Club. The second guest was David Rosenstock who found our club on the internet. Reason for the late start was problems loading the Program PowerPoint slides into our new projector.

Minutes: A motion was made by Norb to approve both the April and the May Minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Marcus and approved by all attendees.

Drawings: Norb Wright won the 50/50 cash prize drawing. The attendance prize \$10 certificate for use at Stampfest was won by Roger Grider. Gary brought a handful of small philatelic items home from a recent APS show and each attendee's name was drawn to take home an item of their choosing.

Treasurer report:

- Gary has been on the road extensively attending stamp shows and arrived home earlier today. He will provide details of all banking activity for May & June at our July club meeting. He said we have purchased a new projector for \$400 and have relinquished our partial ownership in the old projector we shared with WGSC. Guy mentioned we are paying \$50/meeting to hold our 2 summer meeting [June & July] in Tropicana Lanes

Secretary report:

- Dave distributed an updated Member Roster with the mailing of our June Newsletter. He asked members to inform him of any needed changes. We added 1 new member tonight bringing total membership to 57.

Vice President report:

- Katrina asked that members begin thinking about side dishes they can bring for the Saturday night dinner at Stampfest. Spouses are welcome to attend the dinner.

Announcements:

- Gene Stewart's next stamp bourse at Stratford Inn is Saturday, July 9. An auction is scheduled.
- Guy named our members who recently attended the World Stamp Show in NYC and urged all of us to seriously consider and plan to attend the next International show scheduled for Boston in 2026. It is well worth the cost to attend.

Old Business:

- Roger Grider [VP of Webster Groves Stamp Club] is still investigating options for the club to attend a future out of town, weekend stamp show. Many cities were discussed and it would have to be within a 10-hour drive from St. Louis. He is currently discussing the idea with members of WGSC and will keep us informed.
- Guy will follow up with Alex Haimann who had offered to draft a letter for mailing to all local APS members reminding them of the benefits of joining GMCSC and urging their attendance at our annual Stampfest Show in late August.
- Stampfest** will take place at Parkway Central HS on August 20 & 21. Tom Minor is Show Chairman again this year but wants to train a co-chair volunteer who will assume full responsibility in 2017. Duties include coordination and oversight for advertising, promotion, registration, concession stand and responding to general questions. This role is different from the Bourse Chair that Gary continues to handle. Guy again made an appeal for 1 of our members to step up and assume the role of Co-Chair with Tom for 2016. Tom wants to prepare post cards for mailing at our July club meeting. Dave Marsh will bring sign-up sheets for members to work any aspects of Stampfest. Gary reminded us there will be an auction at Stampfest and he needs to receive within the next 3 weeks a brief description and minimum \$ bid on any lots our members plan to enter in the auction. He already has 46 lots.

New Business:

- Katrina introduced our newest member, David Rosenstock. Dave mentioned that he inherited a box of stamps and found our club history and information on the internet. He has minimal knowledge of philately but is anxious to learn and has already read our previous meeting Minutes as well as 2016 Newsletters.

Club Auction: The next club auction is scheduled for our July meeting.

Program:

-Katrina introduced Bob Ogrodnik who spoke in depth about the history of stamps in Poland. Bob is current President of the Polonus Philatelic Society. It was unfortunate that our new projector could not coordinate with Bob's extensive PowerPoint presentation but he skillfully discussed with us the contents of his recent article in the London Stamp & Coin Magazine. In 966, the dynasty became part of Western Europe and was combined with Lithuania until 1572. The Republic endured many political changes and did not exist on a map of Europe from 1795 to 1918. The country survived several occupations during war years and has been the 3rd Republic since 1989. Bob also described the postal history of Poland from its early private system on horseback, the use of Austrian, Russian and German stamps/overprints, Plebiscite postal issues, military and camp posts, stamps made in ghettos and some issued in Italy plus the highly collectible and valuable covers from these eras. He encouraged us to seriously consider collecting Poland and to join the PPS.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Submitted by Dave Marsh