



DAS RUNDSCHREIBIEN

NEXT MEETING

19 APRIL 2009

2:00 PM

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAKE LAND FLORIDA

The March Meeting. Present: Fred Meder, Charles Deusner, Priit Rebane, George Kuhn, John Svenson, Walt Hastrich, Frank Hills, Larry Di Stefano, Robert Parker, Ed Evan, Louise Graves, John Hayner, Jim Pullin, John L. Sullivan, Dick Laux, John Rimi, Carl Kish. Guest: Elaine Meder.

President Meder opened the meeting by welcoming all those present. He recognized our newest member, Walt Hastrich. Walt gave a short "bio" which included mention of his collecting interests. He was warmly greeted by those present. Treasurer Ed Evan presented the Official 2008 Treasurer's Report and an updated membership list. He asked that the list be carefully reviewed by the membership and that any corrections to the list be forwarded to him.

Old Business: It was decided that the Chapter would have its April meeting on 19 April (because of Easter) and the May meeting on 17 May (because of Mothers Day). The nominating committee presented its nominations for Chapter officers for 2009-2010. They were as follows:

President-----Frank Hills
Vice President-----Dick Laux
Secretary-----John Hayner
Treasurer-----Ed Evan

The official election of officers will held at the Chapter's May meeting.

New Business. Jim Pullin presented the Chapter a copy of the GPS Reference Manuel of Forgeries consisting of 15 volumes and several "Germany Inflation Booklets." These generous gifts were graciously accepted by the Chapter and individual expressions of gratitude were made to by various members. These gifts greatly increase the reference materials available to members. Jim and Priit Rebane gave short reports on the various activities of APS and GPS. George Kuhn discussed the discount for expertizing (month of March only) available to APS members. The Chapter officially nominated Jim Pullin and Priit Rebane for another term as members of the GPS Board of Directors and seconded the nominations of Jason Manchester for President, Myron Fox for Vice President and Kenneth Gilbert for the Board of Directors of GPS. John Svenson won the 50/50 (scam) and the meeting ended with a floor auction.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM PULLIN

For several years Jim has been engaged in all the activities required in publishing a book. From time to time he has brought items to Chapter meetings showing his work and seeking opinions about certain aspects of his work. Jim has long collected materials and sought information concerning the postal history of North Atlantic Packets. His research has taken him to distant venues including numerous trips to the United Kingdom. All of this hard work has now resulted in a wonderful book entitled: *NORTH ATLANTIC PACKETS DEPARTURES & ARRIVALS, 1818-1840*. This is a handsome book that is well documented, and it is filled with full color illustrations showing covers and various postal markings. Jim has provided a great service to those seeking data on ship arrivals and departures from ports like New York. Information is organized according to the six pioneer packet lines of the period. Jim we are proud of you! If members are interested in acquiring this book, Jim will be happy to give you all the details necessary to fill your order.