

DAS RUNDSCHREIBEN

September 2009

The September 13th meeting was called to order by our new President, Frank Hills, at 2:30 PM, at Grace Lutheran Church, Lakeland, Florida. Attending were James Pullin, John Hayner, Frank Hills, Priit Rebane, George Kuhn, Charles Deusner, John Svenson, Dick Laux, Carl Kish, and John Rimi. We were happy to welcome new member, Peter Newton, from Venice, FL. Visiting from Eaton, FL (and a prospective member) was Lawrence (Larry) Becker. Vice President, Dick Laux, greeted everyone and said how good it was to be back.

Moved (Pullin/Deusner) that the minutes of the May 17th meeting be approved as printed. **MC** On behalf of our Treasurer, Ed Evan, John Hayner reported that as of 8/31/09, our closing balance is **\$2,560.20** - of which \$1,560.20 is in checking and \$1,000 is in a Wachovia CD. That is a net increase of \$344.16 for the year to date. Ed will have a formally printed report for distribution at the October 11th meeting. **Moved** (Pullin/Deusner) that the Treasurer's summary be approved as presented. **MC**

Old Business: Dick Laux gave a brief update on the "jar" contents and encouraged further contributions of stamps, covers, and other postal items.

New Business: Priit Rebane opened discussion on Florex the weekend of December 4-6, 2009. Two points: 1) do we want to set up and staff a GPS table at the show, and 2) shall we conduct our December meeting on that Saturday? After remarks offered by those present, it was **Moved** (Rebane/Pullin) to authorize our GPS Chapter 23 to provide and staff a table at Florex for the purpose of promoting our club and its activities - if feasible. Discussion centered around the potential problem of continual staffing by club volunteers all three days. Priit is willing to be in charge of securing the necessary folks to do so. **MC** Mention was made that we need to be prepared and intentional about what we do because Florex is a WSP show. **Moved** (Rebane/Laux) that our regular December meeting be held during Florex on Saturday, December 5 (time tbd - probably 1:00 PM). Following discussion, the **MC** (7 in favor; 2 opposed).



Priit is the "midwife" of the new GPS chapter in Virginia. That chapter has an opportunity to sponsor a society table at the APS show in Richmond VA in the fall of 2010. They're looking for a "security deposit" of \$100 in order to do so and to meet APS timelines. Discussion focused on whether or not to offer a loan from our chapter to theirs. Action deferred until October.

Announcements: Jim Pullin commented on available APS manuals/publications; also awards received for GPS' *The German Postal Specialist* and his book, *North Atlantic Packets* . . .

Moved (Pullin/Rebane) to adjourn. **MC** **NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th.** An auction of some of Doug Warren's collection followed, conducted by George Kuhn.

Respectfully submitted, John Hayner, Secretary