

Minutes of the San Jose Stamp Club Meeting on 21 Feb 2018

Present: Brian Jones (President), Stanley Flowerdew (Secretary), Richard Clever (Treasurer), Jim Steinwinder, Jim Sauer and five other SJSC members.

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Announcements

- Brian will not attend the 7th March meeting because of his mother's surgery on that day.
- The Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Program is one of the least earned merit badges. There was a 20% increase to 800 boys from 2016 to 2017. For comparison, the Coin Collecting merit badge had 4,000 boys in 2017.
- Steve Schumann will give a presentation on 21st March at the club meeting of New Zealand prisoner of war air letters from 1942-1945 including many varieties.
- Brian and other members discussed the desirability of having a Stamp Fair this year to popularize stamp collecting and to increase the visibility and membership of the club.
- There will be announcements in the future regarding leadership of the 2018 Filatelic Fiesta.

Evening's Program

Ron Yamagami gave a presentation on mail from Japanese internment camps in the U.S during the Second World War. His family was in one of these internment camps for about two years when he was very young.

Ron presented many postal covers and post marks from internment camp mail, maps showing locations of camps, camp photographs, documents showing camp names, locations and populations etc. Ron also showed a portrait of his father by Ansel Adams. Ron provided much other information and answered many questions from club members regarding the camps.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Stanley J. Flowerdew, Secretary