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Jackson Philatelic Society met for its monthly meeting on August 21, 2021, at Hindu Temple Society of Mississippi, located at 173 Vernon Jones Avenue off of Old Fannin Road in Brandon.

Members in attendance were Lokanath Polepalli, Ugandhar Adari, Mahesh Adari, Karl Shoeck, John Colonias, Dr K.R.Rao, K. Indira Rao, Shashidhar Surakanti, Ratan Guduru, Manas Guduru. And two new members to the club – Terry Hubmann and Felix Luis Perez -Foloh Jr

Members on zoom in attendance were Gayatri Meduri and Harini Vedala.

First fifteen minutes were spent in checking the auction items. on display. The meeting started at 10 :15 AM. Acting President Dr. K. R. Rao welcomed two new members Terry Hubmann and Felix Foloh Jr., Fellow APS of Hattiesburg, MS.

July meeting minutes were approved. First voting was approved by membership to admit the new members Terry Hubmann and Felix Foloh Jr., Fellow APS of Hattiesburg, MS

The auction items included stamps from India and US from Dr. John Colonias and Karl Schoeck. Ms. Usha Kaalahasti, CA had an auction item with collection from sales donated to JPS. This is the second time she had auction sales donated to JPS which are gratefully appreciated. Acting President Dr. K. R. Rao urged members to participate more actively to make JPS meetings more dynamic and enjoyable. The revised roster as of 9-1-21 is posted on the JPS Website.

At 10:35 AM Shashidhar started his presentation on stamps of Pre-independence India. There was lot of information of interest to the attendees. Pre-independent India had 400 regions and each region issued their own stamps of varying quality starting in 1800s. Later some states became part of British Empire and issued stamps. The states were divided into confederate and Fiduciary. Fiduciary states issued their own stamps and Confederate states (colonial) issued stamps in conjunction with British Empire. Hyderabad Deccan was the most important princely state of India and their stamps were valuable. Hyderabad started to issue the first revenue stamp in the world which were used for financial transactions. Jaipur was the first state to issue a two-color stamp separated by a line.

Jammu had more Hindu population and Kashmir had more Muslim population. Each region issued their own stamps with Sanskrit and Urdu languages, respectively. Later Jammu and Kashmir issued stamps combined with both Sanskrit and Urdu languages on each stamp.

Due to lack of time, the President requested Shashidhar to continue his presentation in September meeting. The members continued browsing the auction table. Karl conducted the auction and members participated actively.

Next meeting was announced for September 18, 2021. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Dr. K. R. Rao, acting President circulated an email memo to members to participate in a “stamp exchange program”. Dr Rao suggested to institute a “Jackson Philatelic Society 2021 Stamp Exchange Club” as of 9-1-21. This will attract members of JPS to bring their duplicate stamps to exchange with other members. This will hopefully improve membership attendance at the JPS Meetings.