

## RPSC Board Meeting – March 27, 2022

Board	Present	Regrets	Non-Voting	Present	Regrets
Sam Chiu	X		Robin Harris		X
Stéphane Cloutier	X		Ingo Nessel	X	
John Hall	X		Garfield Portch	X	
Steve Johnson	X		George Pepall	X	
Ed Kroft	X		Lee Ann Stewart		X
Ken Lemke	X		Charles Verge		X
David McLaughlin	X				
Robert Pinet	X		<b>Guests</b>		
John Sharp		X	Gregg Redner	X	
Jane Sodero		X	Peter MacDonald	X	
Grégoire Teyssier		X			
Joe Trauzzi	X				
Joel Weiner	X				
Mike Walsh	X				

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. The meeting was recorded and minutes were taken from the recorded meeting by Jane Sodero. Ed Kroft welcomed Gregg Redner and Peter MacDonald as observers
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2023 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes.
 

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2022 Board Meeting. Moved by Joel Weiner; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.**
- Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees – Lee Ann Stewart
 

Lee Ann Stewart was unable to attend the meeting but circulated a report. She issued a press release announcing Sam Chiu as winner of the Geldert medal. She has received volunteer award nominations from Ontario and British Columbia but is waiting for nominations from other areas. She noted that fourteen members will be joining 50-year club this year. She also has received membership applications from 23 new members plus one new chapter. She has been working with the membership recruitment committee in preparation for CAPEX22. The committee membership list is being updated. Ed Kroft noted that committee members do not have to members of the Board of Directors.
- Financial Update, Grants – John Sharp
 

John Sharp circulated financial reports prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend the meeting. He noted his concern with the drop in the number of memberships. There was some discussion about the number of upcoming 50-year members due to membership drives in the 1970s. It was suggested that Lee Ann Stewart be asked to look at the demographics of the membership.
- Update on TCP and Website – Robin Harris
 

No report.

6. Publishing Project – Let’s Talk Exhibiting – Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft updated the Board on the publishing project. The layout of the book has been completed and has been sent to the printers. Ed Kroft thanked the sponsors of the project as well as Robin Harris and David Piercey. Once printing is completed, the books will be delivered to Maresch Auctions who will transport them to the CAPEX22 venue.

RPSC members will get a \$15 discount on the cost of the book.

Grégoire Teyssier has translated the book although it may not be available in time for CAPEX22.

With sponsorships, the cost to The RPSC is \$10,000 less the proceeds of the sales of the book.

**Motion: To approve the funding to allow for the publication of “Let’s Talk Exhibiting” as discussed through email and budget discussions. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Sam Chiu. Motion passed. Joe Trauzzi voted nay due to concerns about budget, the high risk and limited audience for the book.**

Steve Johnson commented that he feels the book promotes the hobby and exhibiting and advertises The RPSC.

Joel Wiener commented that the APS or AAPE may be able to help sell the book.

Ken Lemke feels that the book fills a niche in the exhibiting market.

7. Virtual Meetings for RPSC/Stamp Talks – Joe Trauzzi and Ed Kroft

Joe Trauzzi reported that he has found a volunteer to help him with Stamp Talks this year who may be able to take over in the future. She attends all the stamp talks and panels but isn’t currently a member of The RPSC. Ed Kroft asked for more information about the candidate looking for similar information as to what is on a resume.

Concern raised about how she will be able to find presenters since she is fairly new to the hobby. There would still need to help from more experienced people.

The suggestion was made that The RPSC look at awards like the Chatty Awards from the APS.

8. CAPEX 22 - RPSC responsibilities – Ken Lemke

Ken Lemke reported that things are coming together in preparation for CAPEX22. Gregg Redner will be the moderator for the English seminar but he is still looking for someone bilingual for the French seminar.

Ken Lemke notes that there will be many of bits and pieces to finish as the show nears. He noted that during CAPEX22, e-membership to The RPSC will be offered to new members for half-price and new members will be eligible for the discount on the new exhibiting book.

The RPSC table will need more volunteers.

9a. FIAF General Assembly at CAPEX22

David McLaughlin reported that Canada should have representative at the FIAF General Assembly which will take place during CAPEX22. He also noted that he has been asked to run for the position of 3rd Councilor to FIAF.

Ed Kroft asked if anyone else was interested in being the FIAF delegate. David McLaughlin asked Ed Kroft to do a welcome at the FIAF meeting. He also noted that FIAF currently has a bank account in Canada with Canadian signing officers. This situation needs to be rectified and David McLaughlin wants to be sure that Canadian interests are represented at this meeting and at future meetings.

**Motion: To nominate David McLaughlin as the Canadian delegate at the FIAF meetings at CAPEX22. Moved by Joe Trauzzi. Seconded by Sam Chiu. Motion passed.**

**Motion: To nominate David McLaughlin to stand as the Canadian nominee for 3rd Councilor to the FIAF Board to serve from 2022 to 2026. Mike Moved by Mike Walsh. Seconded by Sam Chiu. Motion passed.**

9. Member Benefits – George Pepall

The Membership benefits committee has put together four main tools to promote The RPSC at CAPEX22: handouts about the RPSC insurance program, the RPSC sales circuit and the multimedia resources as well as back issues of The Canadian Philatelist.

Bilingual application forms will be available at the show to go along with the half-price promotion for e-memberships during CAPEX22.

George Pepall also noted that RPSC pins for new members will be available. The RPSC also has embroidered crests but how these might be distributed was not finalized.

It was noted that Hugh Wood, the RPSC insurance company, will have a booth if members have further questions.

10. Update on CAPEX 22 and FIP matters – David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin reported that exhibits are full and most fees have been paid. Literature exhibits are coming in. Commissioners are in place for the most part and the jury is complete. Ingo Nessel has been working with customs for both the dealers and commissioners. The bourse deposits are in place and profiles are on the website. Twenty-five societies are participating in the show with tables and/or meetings and presentations. Youth table well in hand.

He reported that Canada Post has issued a second souvenir sheet with a CAPEX22 overprint. A third sheet will be available at the show.

Registrations are coming in mainly for 4-day passes. For the banquet, 18 of 40 tables for the banquet have been sold.

The medals and prizes are coming in. David McLaughlin thanked the Board for donating the Grand Award.

David McLaughlin and Ingo Nessel thanked Mike Walsh for all his work for CAPEX22.

In FIP matters, London 2022 was a good show. Ed Kroft, the Canadian Commissioner, congratulated the exhibitors as well as Charles Verge on signing the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. He felt that it was hectic and stressful being both a commissioner and a member of the jury. Ed Kroft noted that the bin room was very well done upon arrival but takedown

was more chaotic. He has sent his observations to the organizers of the bin room for CAPEX22.

David McLaughlin reported that there were nine Canadian exhibits at Huniflex 2022.

The deadline for the Cape Town show taking place in November is in May.

The IBRA show will be held in the Spring of 2023, the cut-off date for applications to exhibit is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

To date no information is available about Indonesia 2022.

11. Update on Francophilately Committee – Grégoire Teyssier

Grégoire Teyssier sent an update which noted that he is working towards translating the RPSC website.

12. Report from the Social Media Committee – Jane Sodero

Jane Sodero could not attend the meeting but Sam Chiu, co-chair, reported about Facebook. He will be posting items from previous CAPEX shows until the end of March. In April, he will start a series called “I’m going to CAPEX” which will feature pictures of collectors who are planning to go to CAPEX22

David McLaughlin mentioned Hazel Elmslie who was an exhibitor in 1978 and is also exhibiting at CAPEX22 as a public interest item.

13. Newsletter update – Mike Walsh

The next issue of the e-newsletter will be going out later next week so the deadline is early next week.

14. Judging – Joel Weiner

Joel Weiner reported that the juries are set for ORAPEX, NOVAPLEX and the Calgary BNAPS/National combined show. He noted that there are not enough national level shows for apprentices to be able to complete their apprenticeships in a timely manner.

He commented that CANEJ (the US Judging Committee) is requiring more paperwork for apprenticeships in the US. He noted that this will require more work from jury chairs.

It was noted that at London 2022, they had observers with the jury which gave an opportunity for people to understand how judges and juries work.

Sam Chiu commented that NOVAPLEX will have two apprentices but it also has a deep jury with Bob Anderson, Sam Chiu and Ron Leshner.

15. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues – Mike Walsh

The CSDA has not met since the fall. Mike Walsh noted that several members will be attending CAPEX22

16. Update from the Greene Foundation – Garfield Portch

Garfield Portch reported that there was not much to report. The offices are open to research preferably by appointment and expert committee meeting regularly. It is currently not open for meetings but hoping that after CAPEX22, they will start to open to groups.

The Board expressed its thanks to the Greene Foundation for being a recipient of literature exhibits for CAPEX22 as well as to Lee Ann Stewart for the extra work that involves.

17. Volunteers Programme – Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft reminded the Board that he is looking for nominations from the clubs across Canada and that the deadline for nominations is fast approaching given that the AGM of The RPSC is on June 12, 2022.

18. Directors for 2022/2023 and Succession – Ed Kroft; Sam Chiu

Ed Kroft and Stéphane Cloutier will step down from the Board after June AGM. As Vice-President, Sam Chiu is in line to become president and Ken Lemke has agreed to step into the role of Vice-President. Jane Sodero will remain as secretary.

19. Exhibits frames- storage? Sale to CAPE? - Ed Kroft

David Hobden will no longer store the frames which came from New York. The RPSC would like to sell them to CAPE but they still need to be stored until that is settled.

Sam Chiu clarified that the frames will need a new home immediately after CAPEX22. There are eleven pallets. Ken Lemke wants the size and weight of the pallets so he can look into options.

David McLaughlin explained how CAPE is organized with the voting members being the President, Vice-President and Secretary of The RPSC who nominate the board which currently consists of Charles Verge, David McLaughlin, David Piercey and Mike Walsh.

This item will be discussed further at a future meeting.

20. Royal 2023 and Exhibition Committee - Sam Chiu

The show needs an exhibition committee and committee chair as Rodney Paige has stepped back from this role. Fredericton and Peterborough cannot be ready in 2023. Ken Lemke expressed interest in filling this role. There is a document of guidelines available from George Pepall which was done several years ago.

Royal usually held in June to meet corporate requirements of being within six months of the financial year-end. Ed Kroft does not see any reason why the AGM and the Royal show have to be at the same time.

21. President's Medals - Ed Kroft

These are awarded from time to time. Ed Kroft intends to award one or more awards at CAPEX22.

22. Reports Required for Presentation at June 12 AGM - Ed Kroft

Reports will be needed from the various committees for the AGM.

23. Report of the Committee regarding Terms of the Directors and the Executive

A report with recommendations was sent out prior to the meeting. The committee looked at the limit of a total service of six years on the Board. The committee considered the by-laws of other organizations and found that, in most cases, the term limits for directors versus officers were separate.

The committee recommended that The RPSC follow suit to allow for officers to serve 2 two-year terms in addition to time served as a Director regardless of whether or not they are Directors. Board members expressed concern with the lack of requirement of being an elected Director.

There was a consensus that people need some time learn the ins and outs of The RPSC before becoming a member of the executive.

Peter MacDonald shared the experience of a non-profit board which specified that if an elected Director was willing to take on an executive role the same term limits as set out for directors did not apply.

Ed Kroft suggested this might be a simple change to the six years in eight rule. He pointed out that certain changes to the by-law can be made by the Board and not through an AGM.

The suggestion was made that the Treasurer be exempt from term limits since special talents are required for that role.

Ed Kroft asked that the committee meet again to review the comments made at this meeting.

Mike Walsh mentioned the other recommendations of the committee including the ability to extend a appointment by one year and a change to allow for a single signature for banking.

Ed Kroft thanked the committee for the work that was done for these changes.

24. Other business

None

Next meeting: May 15, 2022