

## RPSC Board Meeting – May 29, 2022

Board Member	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 7:32 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. Ed Kroft asked for a volunteer to be secretary for the AGM at CAPEX22 since Jane Sodero is unable to attend. Peter MacDonald agreed to take minutes at the AGM. Ed Kroft noted Governor General Mary Simon has agreed to be the Patron of The RPSC as well as of CAPEX22. This has been announced in a press release.
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2023 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes. It should be noted that the minutes were taken from a recording of the meeting since Jane Sodero was unable to attend.

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the January 23, 2022 Board Meeting. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Grégoire Teyssier. Motion passed.**

- Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees – Lee Ann Stewart  
Lee Ann Stewart reported that there are 12 new members since the last meeting for a total of 35 new members this year. There have also been a number of people re-activating their memberships. She noted that about 30% of the new members from the last year have not renewed.

She said that verifying committee membership is on her to-do list but that she is overwhelmed with work for CAPEX22. All the printing and engraving has been done in preparation for CAPEX22.

She reported that quite a number of people have been nominated for the volunteer awards. Some will be presented at CAPEX while others will be presented locally.

The Board extended a huge thank you to Lee Ann Stewart for all the work she has done for CAPEX22.

4. 50-Year Club – Lee Ann Stewart

The RPSC has 13 new 50-year members. Some of those honourees will be at CAPEX22 and certificates have been prepared to be presented there.

The Board may need to address the way the 50-year members are recognized especially with respect to the financial implications.

5. Financial Update, Grants – John Sharp

John Sharp circulated financial reports prior to the meeting.

He noted that there could be some additional revenue from sponsorships and the sales of the exhibiting book. The hope is that the book will at least break even with the sponsorships and the reduced printing costs which were provided through Maresch.

John Sharp commented that the life members fund is a balance sheet account which could be used to amortize the loss in revenue when the 50-year members stop paying dues.

Jane Soderro asked for a breakdown of memberships by type of membership.

Garfield Portch commented that in the past discounted membership offers have not produced long-term members.

6. Update on TCP and Website – Robin Harris

The July/August material has been submitted to the printer. Robin Harris was unable to attend the meeting.

7. Publishing Project – Let's Talk Exhibiting – update - Ed Kroft, Mike Walsh, Grégoire Teyssier

Ed Kroft gave an update about the publication. With the help of Maresch, the printing is finished and the books will be transported to CAPEX22. In addition, a review of the book will be published in the July issue of the AAPE journal.

Grégoire Teyssier has helped with the French translation but he noted that they need a French speaking editor to help with layout. He has also potential sponsors for the book.

Jane Soderro suggested that any profit from the French version be put towards bilingualism in The RPSC.

It was noted that The RPSC is very interested in bringing the exhibiting book to the French market and hope to have the co-operation of the Fédération québécoise de philatélie.

8. Virtual Meetings for RPSC Stamp Talks – Joe Trauzzi

Joe Trauzzi asked is Board members were satisfied with the potential candidate for helping him with stamp talks.

**Motion: To approve Lisa Tam as a volunteer with Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels. Moved by Sam Chiu; seconded by Stéphane Cloutier. Motion passed.**

Joe Trauzzi proposed two awards for the Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels. The first is for a Distinguished Speaker for Stamps Talks; the second is an Educator Award for Stamps Panels. The initial nominations will be made by an awards committee and then an on-line vote will be sent to all participants.

Board members made several suggestions including using older medals and giving a gift certificate. It was also suggested that the Educator Award be named for Michael Madesker.

Joe Trauzzi is preparing certificates for all speakers and panelists. Some will be given out at CAPEX22 at the AGM. He noted that attendance has seen approximately 40% growth over the last year.

The Board thanked Sparks Auctions for their continued support of Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels.

9. CAPEX 22 - RPSC responsibilities – Ken Lemke

Ken Lemke sent out a report prior to the meeting. He is ready for CAPEX22. He is hoping for a good membership response.

See attached report.

10. Member Benefits – George Pepall

George Pepall went over the member benefits which will be promoted at CAPEX22 including the TPC back issues; brochures about the insurance program; listing of multi-media presentations; signage and the new book with discount for members.

11 (a). Update on FIP matters – Charles Verge

Charles Verge shared the motions for the FIP Congress in Jakarta in August 2022. Charles Verge is the Canadian Commissioner to the Congress. If no other Canadians are at the show, Charles will have to find a proxy due to voting rules since he is a candidate.

Indonesia has not released a jury list. If a Canadian is appointed to the jury, then that person would become the second delegate for Canada. On the exhibiting side, Canada has a good representation of participants.

The deadline for nominations for delegates is July 8, 2022.

**Motion: To appoint Charles Verge as the delegate to the FIP Congress for Canada and The RPSC and, in his place, a proxy, as deemed necessary. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Sam Chiu.**

11 (b) Brief Update on CAPEX 22 – David McLaughlin

David McLaughlin reported that things are well in hand. There are some issues with Commissioners. It will be the largest one frame show by far. The youth booth has been moved into the course area. Ingo Nessel has resolved many of the customs issues. Many societies are participating and a long list of presentations scheduled. Charles Verge noted that there is also a team competition with at least 15 teams participating.

Ed Kroft thanked David McLaughlin and the organizing committee for everything they have done to make CAPEX22 a success.

Ingo Nessel mentioned the literature entry from the Ukraine and the special circumstances of getting the entries into the show.

11 (c) Exhibits frames- storage? Sale to CAPE? – Ken Lemke

It was reported that David Hobden has kindly stored a large number of exhibit frames for many years but cannot continue to store them.

Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu and Ken Lemke have been working on a solution for storage somewhere in Ontario with CAPE. They noted that one of the potential storage options will require labour on the receiving end.

The Board extended their appreciation to Ken Lemke and Sam Chiu for all the time spent dealing with this issue.

12. Update on Francophilately Committee – Grégoire Teyssier

Grégoire Teyssier sent a report and had nothing more to add. The content of the RPSC website will be translated by the end of the year but there will need to be support from a French speaking web developer.

Grégoire Teyssier has provided a report to the Board which is to be included with the AGM package.

13. Update from the Social Media Committee – Jane Sodero

Jane Sodero reported that we have lost the translator for the social media accounts so we will need support in that area. Ed Kroft will ask for volunteers at the AGM.

14. Newsletter update – Mike Walsh

The next issue of the e-newsletter will be going out next week with a focus on CAPEX22. Mike thanked Grégoire Teyssier for all of the translations for the RPSC newsletter as well as for the CAPEX22 newsletter.

15. Judging – Joel Weiner

Joel Weiner reported that the chief judge for the National/BNAPS show in Calgary to be held over Labour Day weekend had to withdraw. He asked for suggestions for a replacement. He noted that hasn't heard anything from CANPEX yet in terms of judges.

16. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues – Mike Walsh

Mike Walsh noted that the new CSDA directory has been published. He pointed out that several CSDA members are participating in CAPEX22 and that the organization is sponsoring an award at the show.

17. Update from the Greene Foundation – Garfield Portch

Garfield Portch reported that the VGG is open by appointment and will be open during CAPEX. Bookings for club meetings will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Masking and POV are required.

He said that he has things ready for CAPEX22 and thanked Lee Ann Stewart for all of her assistance with that.

Ed Kroft thanked Garfield Portch for everything he is doing in preparation for CAPEX22.

Ingo Nessel noted that Philaprint has heard from Heritage Canada and the application has been received. He said that there was no indication of how much or when the grant will be available.

18. Volunteers Programme – Ed Kroft

Lee Ann Stewart noted 23 people have been nominated for the volunteer awards.

19. Succession – Ed Kroft; Sam Chiu

Sam Chiu will stand for President and Ken Lemke as Vice-president. Jane Sodero has said that she is willing to continue as Secretary. To date, there have been no other nominations or proposals for Board members or executive roles.

The Board indicated that it was satisfied with the proposed slate of officers.

20. Installation of New Directors Effective June 12, 2022 – Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft noted that as of the AGM, the new Directors will be in place.

21. Royal 2023 and Exhibition Committee - Sam Chiu, Ken Lemke

St Catharines is considering hosting Royal\*2023\*Royale but they are missing some key people. Both Peterborough and Fredericton are a maybe for 2024.

The Board is still seeking for host clubs for Royal\*2023\*Royale.

22. President's Medals - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft will present President's Medal at the AGM to David McLaughlin and Joe Trauzzi.

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

Lee Ann Stewart is still missing a few reports for the AGM.

24. Updated on Report of the Committee regarding Terms of the Directors and the Executive

Due to time constraints, the committee has not met. This will be tabled to the next Board meeting.

John Sharp raised the issue of one signature for banking which had been discussed as part of the review. Since this issue is more time sensitive, he asked if this could be addressed. Ed Kroft suggested that a motion be made both at tonight's meeting and from the floor at the AGM. He also suggested that Lee Ann Stewart be asked to add this item to the AGM agenda.

**Motion: That The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada adopt a one signature policy for cheques and other financial documents. Any one of the appointed signing authorities may sign. Moved by John Sharpe; seconded by David McLaughlin. Motion passed.**

25. Other Business

It was noted that the RPSC Foundation will be meeting in the near future.

Peter MacDonald thanked Stéphane Cloutier and Ed Kroft for their service to the Board. Of Directors. Ken Lemke reiterated the appreciation to Ed Kroft, in particular for the efficiency with which he runs the meetings.

Next meeting: AGM

## Item # 9 – Report from Ken Lemke



### The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) is Canada's national society for philatelists (stamp collectors, enthusiasts and aficionados). The RPSC speaks for all Canadian collectors at provincial, federal and international levels of philately and is a member of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (F.I.P.) and the Federación Inter-Americana de Filatelia (F.I.A.F.).

#### CAPEX 22 Activities

##### English Seminar, Thursday, June 9, 2022, 12 noon

- Darin Cherniwchan, M.D. — “Digital Philately  
Taking the Hobby to new Heights”
- Michel Houde — “The British Post Office at Bangkok from 1855 to 1885”

##### French Seminar, Thursday, June 9, 2022, 2 P.M.

- \* Yan Turmine — “Le courrier étranger du Bas Canada (1791-1840) via les États-Unis: Présentation des routes, des bureaux d'échange et des tarifs”
- \* Jean-Pierre Forest - VINGT CHRONICLES-ZOOM AU TEMPS DE LA PANDEMIÉ

##### Annual General Meeting — Sunday, June 12, 2022, 12 Noon

##### RPSC Fellows Meeting — Sunday, June 12, 2022, 2 P.M.

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will be offering a one year half-price e-membership. Please, visit our booth.

Please find attached the promo ad that was prepared for CAPEX 22.

In addition, there will be the following activities

- The RPSC booth will be focused on new memberships.
- Each new member (e-member or full membership) will receive entry into a draw for a Celestron 5MP LCD Digital microscope.
- There will be a draw for a MNH Bluenose, donated by Phil Visser.
- All new members and any current RPSC members will receive a \$15 discount coupon towards the purchase of “Let’s Talk Exhibiting”.
- Thanks to Lee Ann Stewart, we will have a supply of Membership Application forms and an article regarding the Sales Circuit, printed in both English and French.
- Lock boxes for the draws have been obtained.
- We have blue souvenir pens with “The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada” imprinted in a gold colour.

Promotional signs have been prepared as well as a sign professionally printed, thanking Sparks Auctions for their support.

Certificates have been prepared for all the volunteers.

Thanks to:

- Lee Ann Stewart for all her assistance and organizing the AGM and Fellows meeting.
- Membership Committee (George Pepall, Phil Visser, Darin Cherniwchan, and Doug McAndless) for their assistance in preparing materials for the RPSC Booth.
- Stephane Cloutier for recruiting Mario Chevrette to moderate the French Language Seminar.
- Gregoir Teyssier for recruiting the presenters for the French Language Seminar.
- Gregg Redner for moderating the English Language Seminar.
- To the presenters of the English and French seminars (listed on the promo ad)
- Sam Chiu for his assistance in preparing the Volunteer certificates.
- All the members who have volunteered to man the RPSC Booth (see attached).

Respectfully submitted  
Ken Lemke