

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Minutes of the Meeting of September 18, 2022

Held on Zoom

In attendance: Sam, Joe, Joel, John S., David, Gregg, Robin, John H., Ken, Ed, Grégoire, Lee Ann and Peter

Regrets: Jane, Steve and Mike

In the absence of Secretary Jane Sodero, Peter was appointed recording secretary for this meeting.

1. A. The meeting was called to order by Sam at 6:40pm Eastern and quorum was confirmed.

B. Sam read a statement on the recent death of the Society's Patron, Queen Elizabeth II, and there was a moment of silence in her memory.
2. A. On a motion by David, seconded by Gregg, the minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

B. Same led a brief conversation about who should be attending meetings of the board and it was generally agreed that meetings are for board members, with other officials and guests invited for particular agenda items.

C. Following some discussion about succession planning, on a motion by Ken, seconded by John S., it was approved unanimously that Ed Kroft be named 2nd Vice President of the RPSC.

3. Lee Ann reported further to her circulated report that there were approximately 1400 members including chapters and that she would have a more detailed report for future meetings. Sam also reported that he was in the process of calling all committee heads to determine their status.

4. Following a brief discussion on the matter of the 50-year Club, it was moved by Ken, seconded by John S., that the 50-year Club benefits be changed to be the same as Life Members: to an e-membership and to allow those wishing hard copies of the Canadian Philatelist to receive them for a fee of \$35 annually (in either CAD or USD currency). The motion was passed unanimously.

5. / 6. Report from John Sharp: "I apologize for the Aug 31 statements. They are incomplete. I was unable to get the online banking information this month. The problem has been corrected and I will do revised statements in the next 2 weeks. The big error, we have received the federal subsidy of \$13,000. There is also \$522 of additional deposits; These will be mainly memberships. Since CAPEX, I have counted 20 \$17.50 memberships. The bank balance at Sept 15 was \$48,310. Based on Mike's report, we have sold 21 books since June. As for my opinion on a fee increase. I believe we will show a surplus again this year, probably about \$10,000, even if we value the remaining books on hand at zero. I do not feel an increase is necessary if we continue with 2 digital copies and 4 mailed copies." Further discussion at the meeting led all to agree generally that if a dues increase were required, it be circulated well in advance of the next Annual Meeting of the membership for ratification.

7. Report from Mike Walsh:

"June sales: 19 books x \$60 / 96 X \$45 / 7 at no cost as per Ed for partner sponsors, David P. etc. Total proceed \$5432.70 less and GST and 10% to cover hard costs such as credit card fees, distribution costs

and shipping materials. Total net proceeds \$4,886.70. July sales: 6 books at \$45. Net proceeds \$241.65. August sales: 9 books. Net proceeds \$447.53. September sales as of Friday: 3 x \$60 and 3 @ \$45. Total book sales: 143 of out 300. The RPSC has received payments for the June and July sales. The cheque for August is going out this week. Since June, we have been advertising the book every week in CSN, CSN weekly newsletter and the newsletter for coin and stamp supplies. I plan up change up the ads in the coming week.”

8. Grégoire reported that the French version of David Piercey’s Exhibiting book is proposed to proceed as a joint venture with FQP, each part to share revenues and expenses. Sponsors are coming along and the layout is going well. On a motion by John S., seconded by David, the motion to proceed with the joint venture passed unanimously.

9. No report at this time.

10. Robin reminded all that the Director’s area of the website is fully operational. He is now reviewing The Canadian Philatelist proofing deadlines to see if any submission deadlines need to be advanced, to take into account increasingly challenging publication dates. The goal is for recipients to receive their copy at the beginning of the publication time period.

11. a. On a motion by Ken, seconded by John H., the CAPEX proposal to host the 2023 Royal/Royale was approved unanimously.

b. Joe Trauzzi’s proposal was deferred to the next meeting with a request for additional detail.

c. Ed Kroft’s proposal was deferred to a future meeting for more discussion.

12. The Royal 2024 Royale proposal from Richard Gratton was deferred to a future meeting until agenda item 11.a. could be properly considered.

13. Joe reported on the ongoing success of the RPSC online Talks and Panels. He thanked the several volunteers involved in their production and the ongoing sponsorship of Sparks Auctions. He is currently working on the 2023 schedule of presentations for both series of online activities. Ed suggested a reinvigoration of the APS/RPSC liaison in order to promote and share talks content.

14 / 15 / 16 were combined by Sam, who reported on activities of the new President’s Advisory Council at NOVAPEX and upcoming at CANPEX. The concept of “What’s in it for me?” was discussed and that led into a report on the building of the membership survey, which is ongoing. Board members will be asked to review and provide input before it is distributed to the membership.

17. The FIP report was circulated in advance of the meeting for information.

18. David reported on CAPEX, and the committee’s feeling that overall it was a success. Some notable things, bot successful and challenging were:

- there was a 400-exhibit goal for the one-frame competition. 450 applied and 411 accepted. 388 were on the floor.

- there were 25 societies in attendance

- attendance was not as expected, especially from the USA (causes likely antigen testing and problems with airport logistics) and few from Europe and South America (entry visas often the problem with the latter).

- there were three international shows in the previous month, diverting attention and travel resources.

- financially it was a success and the books are being finalized, but a substantial profit is anticipated. Already, early guarantor money has been returned.

19. Ken Lemke thanked the many volunteers who staffed the RPSC booth and helped to bring in 40 new members during CAPEX.

20. Frame storage is to be further investigated and finalized by Ken, David and John Sheffield outside this meeting.

21. The RPSC leadership is looking into the current status of the Sales Circuits in order to make recommendations to the board at a future meeting.

22. This item was deferred to a future meeting.

23. Report from Mike Walsh: "RPSC Newsletter: I had hoped to have the newsletter out by now, but the last few weeks have been challenging. I plan to have it out this week."

24. On a motion by Ken, seconded by Joe, the motion in Joel Weiner's judging report was approved unanimously.

25. On a motion by David, seconded by Peter, a motion was approved, with one abstention (Joe) to adopt the land acknowledgement presented to the meeting.

26. Report from Mike Walsh: "CSDA: Nothing to report. We haven't had a meeting since the spring. I believe we may have a meeting at CanPex in London next month."

27. Deferred to a future meeting.

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29. The board welcomed the news of the donation of the new Brigham Cup by Maxime Herold.

30. No new business was formally introduced.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm on a motion by Ken.