**RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes**

**January 26, 2020**

**Attending:** Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Sam Chiu, Robert Pinet, George Pepall (non-voting), Joel Weiner, Stuart Keeley, John Hall, David McLaughlin, Stephane Cloutier, Mike Walsh, Lee Ann Stewart, Joe Trauzzi, Steve Johnson, Grégoire Teyssier, Jane Sodero

**Regrets:** Jim Taylor, Robin Harris, Michèle Cartier, Hugo Deshaye

1.Meeting called to order at 4.05 PDT/7.05 EDT, quorum having been met. Welcomed Jane Sodero and Grégoire Teyssier, who will be coming on board in June.

2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Board Meeting - Moved to adopt by John Hall, seconded Joel Weiner. Passed unanimously and approved, one abstention.

3. Results of Directors Nominations Process and Welcome to Upcoming Directors - Ed Kroft

Ed welcomed Jane Sodero and Grégoire Teyssier, who will be coming onto the board in June.

Nominations have been received for open positions for directors at the June AGM and 7 directors have been elected by acclimation.

Memberships – Lee Ann Stewart from the office reported on new and renewing members and chapters. Rob Timberg has resigned from the executive position in the office, and Ed and Sam felt that there is no need to appoint another board member to oversee the office.

Lee Ann reported on three new youth members who contacted her to find a youth stamp club in Alberta. They have been contacted by Stuart and sent a welcome package. Lee Ann will follow up with the Edmonton Stamp Club.

4. Update on TCP and the Website - Robin Harris, Ed Kroft

Robin Harris sent a report on the TCP with comments on the Life Members (see Item 8).

5. Financial Update - Stuart Keeley

Stuart has submitted the preliminary financial report to the accountant for this fiscal year. There was a net deficit for 2019 of approximately $2500, partly due to the staff transition in the office. This was made up with support from the VGG but the trend is for future deficits.

TCP costs are now being broken out as editorial costs and production costs to conform with potential new requirements for future Philaprint grants. There was discussion of the financial report and Stuart went over the line items to explain. 2019 TCP costs are approximately the same as 2018 costs.

Stuart also indicated that he will be stepping down from the post of Treasurer in April 2021. The board thanked him for his hard work, and Ed asked the board to reach out to RPSC members to find someone who can work with Stuart and transition the accounts to a new Treasurer.

6. Charitable Application status, fund raising and status of strategic plan implementation - Ed Kroft

The charitable application as been submitted but no response has been received to date.

Fundraising – The West Toronto stamp club has suggested the sponsorship of pages in TCP. Joe (who is in the club) supported the idea. The club has donated $800 to TCP to initiate a sponsorship program if the board feels this is a good idea (the funds can also be used for other initiatives. The intent is that chapters and members can sponsor pages, for instance an author submitting an article could sponsoring a page of that article.

George reviewed past experiences with sponsoring pages in TCP and said that while it was popular initially the enthusiasm dissipated quickly. George will research the past experiment and send the information he finds to the board. There was a discussion by the board as to pros and cons of this kind of program; accepting page sponsorship might constrain the Editor and encourage paid articles, and it could be difficult if publication of articles were linked to page sponsorship. Mike noted that $100 does not pay for a page.

The board will review at the next meeting once George and Mike have come back with more information.

7. Philaprint grant status - Mike Walsh

The Philaprint grant application process for 20-21 has not been released. This may mean a delay in funding. Stuart reported that this should not interfere with cash flow this year.

8. Elimination of Hard Copy of TCP for Members - Ed Kroft, Lee Ann Stewart

A letter or email was sent to each Life Member on approval of the board to notify them that due to increased costs they would need to start paying for hard copies of TCP. Lee Ann reported that approximately 60% of life members responded; there were only three negative responses. The majority of members were happy to get the electronic version and several members gave donations. Lee Ann is also contacting honorary life members, and has found that half of the seven honorary life members do not currently receive the paper TCP.

Stuart reported on a life member who was critical of the lack of financial reporting to the membership, and that this was a deterrent to him renewing his membership. Stuart will work to get the financials reported in the TCP, as it was in the past.

This has been a useful exercise as Lee Ann identified several deceased members and members who no longer want to receive the magazine. She has been able to update the member database considerably with current email addresses.

There was discussion around the honorary members and members who contribute to the society and if they should continue to receive the paper TCP.

Ed will be responding to the members who wrote with negative feedback.

9. Update from National Office: Life Members, Memberships and Donations - Lee Ann Stewart

See item 8

10. International update and CAPEX 22 - David McLaughlin

Ed reported on applications for London 2020 – Canada will be well represented, and Ed and Charles Verge will be on the jury. David covered the cost of purchasing a table for at London 2020 on May 6 - the table will be available for RPSC and other Canadian societies, and the RPSC will be sharing space with APS at no cost to promote CAPEX 2022.

David reviewed the international shows to be held in 2020 and 2021. David indicated that anyone interested in being a commissioner should contact him. New commission delegates have been appointed. Ed Kroft will be running for the Americas position of the Postal History Commission Bureau of the FIP.

CAPEX 2022 – there has been communication with Canada Post and there will be a follow up. Formal FIP recognition has been extended to CAPEX 2022, and the offer to host the FIP congress the day after the show is under consideration. Another venue has also been identified which may mean moving the date of the show but which would also mean more space. David has requested one frame exhibits from the members on the board. Applications for the show will probably be accepted later in Fall 2021.

11. FIP Motion Re One Frames and FIP Board Seat - Ed Kroft

Charles Verge is running for a seat on the FIP board as the Americas representative. FIP requires a motion of nomination from the RPSC to FIP indicating that the society approves the nomination.

Motion: That the RPSC Board nominates Charles Verge as the Canadian candidate for Americas representative on the FIP board.

Moved by David McLaughlin, seconded by Robert Pinet, carried unanimously.

FIP One frame guidelines – FIP has proposed a change to the current one frame judging rules – the proposed amendment would include language stating that the subject of a one frame exhibit must be narrow and that the topic must be covered fully in one frame. These guidelines are more in line with CANEJ current guidelines. The amendment is also being supported by the US and Denmark.

Motion – That the RPSC support the proposed amendment to the FIP judging guidelines for one-frame exhibits.

Moved Sam Chiu, seconded David McLaughlin, passed unanimously.

12. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

Mike thanked the board members who supplied materials for the TCP, which should be out in two weeks. Emails for the newsletter will be updated.

13. Update on Royal/Royale 2020 and 2021 - Ed Kroft, David McLaughlin

Fredericton 2020 - Ed polled board members to see who would be attending. There should be a quorum for the board meetings.

Royal 2021 Royale Peterborough – David reported that the draft budget was reviewed with Rod Page. David does not think there will be a profit. Alvin Galley of the hosting Kawartha Stamp Club will be looking at the numbers before the next board meeting in March. There has been a deposit put down on a venue.

David has reviewed the Royal show guidelines and believes that the process should be more formal and structured as a licensee agreement, with both the RPSC and the sponsoring club from any show profit. The RPSC is not currently getting a return for use of the brand. Sam will review the Royal 2019 Royale financials and will report back at a future meeting.

14. Judging - Joel Weiner

Prospectus for Fredericton should be online soon. Liz Hisey has circulated a new EEF and acceptance of the changes is in discussion. If the new forms are implemented by APS Canadian forms will need to be updated.

BNAPS has been approached on the possibility of holding a show (not a Royal) in parallel in Winnipeg in 2021. Joel has not heard anything back from BNAPS.

The ORAPEX committee has proposed that title pages and synopses submitted to the ORAPEX website be made public. There have been objections; the proposal is still under discussion.

15. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Hugo Deshaye, Mike Walsh

No report.

16. Working Relationships with VGG and Other Philatelic Societies - Ed Kroft

Ed reviewed the relationship with VGG, which is in process.

17. Volunteers program and nominations - Ed Kroft

Two nominations have been received for the Volunteer Award and Ed encouraged everyone to submit volunteer names for recognition before the Royal in Fredericton. David requested that the process for submitting volunteer names be made clearer, perhaps with a link on the website, so that members know who to send nominations to. In the meantime, nominations should be sent to Ed.

18. Membership Recruitment Committee, RPSC presence at events (lists of members benefits, benefit sheet, TCP old issues), chapter liaison - Sam Chiu, George Pepall

George has distributed a position paper on recruitment produced by Sam, Doug and George. The paper promotes an increased RPSC presence at meetings and shows. The paper outlines five policies which George reviewed, and includes making promotional literature more widely accessible, improving availability of RPSC representatives to give talks and seminars at clubs and shows, and promotion of the Royal. Ed proposed that Judging seminars be branded as RPSC seminars as part of this initiative.

Motion – that the RPSC adopt the five policies as proposed in the position pager developed by the Membership Recruitment Committee.

Moved, Joe Trauzzi, seconded John Hall, passed unanimously.

19. RPSC Seminars at RPSC National shows- Ed Kroft

See 18. Ed encouraged board members to schedule seminars for upcoming shows

Motion – That all RPSC shows offer a branded RPSC seminar, as per the intention of the Membership Recruitment position paper.

Moved, Robert Pinet, seconded Sam Chiu, passed unanimously.

20. Social Media Committee - Sam Chiu

Facebook is humming along. Nothing to report.

21. Audio Visual programs - update - George Pepall

George is asking for more AV presentations to be posted to the website. George will be approaching the PSSC to request presentations. Ed has developed a presentation on Estate Planning for Philatelists and would like to see this as part of the program at more shows.

22. Other business

RPSC club Insurance - each club is paying $165 for general liability up to $5 million, an improvement over the $2 million liability coverage offered previously.

Meeting ended 5.58 PDT/8.58 EDT.