

RPSC Board Meeting – Minutes

February 3, 2019

Attending: Ed Kroft, Arlene Sullivan, Sam Chiu, Rob Lunn, Doug McAndless, George Pepall (non-voting), Michele Cartier, Jim Taylor, Robin Harris (non-voting), Joel Weiner, Stephane Cloutier, Stuart Keeley

Regrets: Hugo Deshayé, Garfield Portch (non-voting), Bob Carswell, Charles Verge (non-voting), Mike Walsh, Rob Timberg (non-voting)

1. Meeting called to order at 4.05 PDT/7.05 EDT, quorum having been met.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2018 Board Meeting -

Moved to adopt by Doug McAndless, seconded Rob Lunn, passed.

3. Strategic plan update - Ed Kroft, Sam Chiu

Ed reviewed the strategic plan committees and asked for people to step forward as committee heads to organize the groups. Committees were discussed and volunteers solicited. Ed will update the list of committees and members list and distribute.

Ed asked everyone to talk to non-board members and encourage them to join a committee. Sam pointed out that committee membership is good background particularly if they are wishing to join the board.

4. Financial Update - Stuart Keeley

Stuart pointed out that we will be in a small deficit at the end of the year. We also must take into account possible increased costs for Margaret's replacement, and lower membership dues.

Robin asked why translation costs increased for the TCP. The former editor was encouraged to include more translated articles which raised costs. Michelle pointed out that she will translate items for the newsletter (no cost) that later appear in the TCP after being translated again by a paid translator. Michelle also pointed out that there is the same duplication with show forms, announcements, etc. and that we should all work to avoid this situation in future. Robin will review.

5. Update on TCP/Advertising/Website - Robin Harris, Sam Chiu

Robin Harris, the new TCP editor, took on the position at the end of November. He reported that there are approximately 80 articles in the queue, many not appropriate for publication in TCP, and no backlog. The last TCP was late as prospectus and show information was not available. The next issue was submitted in January, a week behind schedule, but this should be back on

track soon. Robin will be in Mississauga and will look forward to soliciting new articles, and will be working with Trajan on improved advertising.

Robin is also modifying the website so it is mobile device friendly.

Ed inquired about the process of updating information on the website. Robin will look into this.

6. Individual membership dues and electronic subscription for TCP - Sam Chiu, Robin Harris

Robin has contacted David Oberholzer, who agreed to update the PayPal payments until the end of June 2019. Robin has sent out two renewal notifications on schedule. Stuart updated the board on current memberships received and should have better information at the next board meeting.

7. Membership dues processing - Sam Chiu, Robin Harris

Robin reported that there are thirty-one e-members already, a good return considering the new rates were only posted September 1. Some members are sending in renewals under the old rate schedule and not under the new schedule. Five or six members did not renew.

8. Directors Acclaimed for the RPSC Board - 2018-2020 and the nomination of David Lank - Ed Kroft

John Hall and David Lank are being proposed for the board. Bob Carswell circulated resume and arguments in favour of appointing David Lank, who would like to join the board; however currently there are no vacancies. Ed suggested that he be invited to sit in on future board meetings and that he be encouraged to join one or more committees to prepare for potential board membership. George suggested that the board take a look at David's book.

Jim brought up some suggestions as to how to handle appointments of new directors. Ed referred back to the RPSC board bylaws. David Lank has been admitted as a new member to the RPSC, and should the board agree can be elected or appointed to the board under our bylaws.

9. Changes to the RPSC Bylaws - posting to website - Ed Kroft

Ed and Robin will work on updating RPSC bylaws on the website.

10. Membership Recruitment Committee and members - Ed Kroft, Doug McAndless

Doug talked about the disconnect between ordinary collectors and the RPSC, and emphasized that directors needed to get out to local shows and talk to regular members. Ed acknowledged this and Michelle agreed with Doug that the membership is disconnected from the leadership, seeing us as the "elite", and "snobs". Doug sees it as entirely the job of the board to reach out to the membership to start remedying this situation.

Michelle noted that the perception is often that the same group of people win at the Royal, and that this reinforces the perception that it is an elite group favouring their friends. Jim suggested

that Palmares be published in the TCP so that members can see who is exhibiting and what they are exhibiting as was done in the past.

Stuart suggested that the chapters be encouraged to read the newsletter and send feedback to the board. There was discussion of newsletter distribution and how to improve it.

11. Social Media Committee - update/Facebook - Sam Chiu

Sam reported that the Facebook page has reached over 300 followers, equal to the APS Facebook site.

12. Update on future staffing for RPSC - Ed Kroft and Sam Chiu

Ted Nixon told Sam that Margaret's position is being advertised and is posted. Sam will follow up with Ted and report back to the board.

13. RPSC presence at events (lists of members, benefit sheet, TCP old issues) - Sam Chiu

See item 10.

14. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh, Ed Kroft

Ed reported that the newsletter will be distributed late February. Open rate for newsletter has decreased slightly while the number of articles and updates from chapters and French articles have increased. Michelle added that she has not received the newsletter – do we need a mechanism to ensure that members are receiving it?

15. International Committee/FIP Jury Academy (October 15-18, 2019) – update - Jim Taylor, Ed Kroft

Next show in June in Wuhan, China. Anyone wishing to enter should contact David McLaughlin. There will be a Jury Training Academy if there are any Canadians attending. Invitations will be sent out.

The group discussed the Jury Academy and how it is funded. There is the possibility of an Academy 15 – 18 October 2019 at VGG; Ed would need to contact Bernie Beston to agree. All funding would be through the Greene Foundation and the RPSC would need to agree to fund.

Sam explained that any members who come in to jury school pay their own airfare, FIP pays hotel. Meals often covered by auction houses.

Ed wanted to assure the board that no costs be approved without the board. Ed moved that a letter to be sent to FIP saying we will welcome the school but no costs will be approved unless passed by the board. Seconded by Jim, passed.

16. Update on Royal 2019 Royale, and proposals for 2020, 2021, Royal 2022 Royale/BNAPS proposal - Mike Walsh, Ed Kroft, Rod Paige

Ed encouraged board members to register for the Royal 2019 Royale. Charles Verge has resigned as exhibits chair of the Royal and Rod Paige has stepped in. The RPSC will be for the first time working closely with the APS at the 2019 show.

The jury panel has been constituted with an exchange judge from New Zealand and two Quebec judges. There is a May 1 deadline for submitting exhibit applications.

Royal 2020 Royale – no clubs have stepped up. Joel has approached Edmonton but there does not appear to be interest. George asked if a joint show with ORAPEX might be a possibility – George will contact the ORAPEX committee to explore the options.

2021 – Peterborough is still a possibility.

17. Volunteers program and nominations - Garfield Portch, Rob Lunn

Stuart has forwarded one name but otherwise no clubs have come forward with suggestions. Rob asked if non-members were eligible and Ed confirmed that they are.

18. Update on Proposal for North America show - Jim Taylor

Two FIP shows have been identified as possibilities – the “North American” show, and a one-frame show. Jim outlined that the show committee would not be constituted by the RPSC, but by the hosting club and supporting organizations. The RPSC would need to sponsor and provide a budget. The Quebec federation was interested in sponsoring a show and Michelle has been involved in some preliminary organizing, but as the RPSC has no funding the process has been suspended. Ed reiterated that the RPSC needs a proposal in hand before there can be a commitment on the part of the RPSC, that there is a possibility for fund raising, but we need the proposal. Michelle will review and get back to the board next meeting.

David McLaughlin is doing some preliminary research on a proposed one frame show, considering the APS as a partner and looking at various Canadian cities to host. Date may be 2022. Jim noted that the board needs the proposals in hand before the RPSC board can commit to any show.

19. Press Releases - Ed Kroft

Deferred to next meeting (Mike Walsh to attend).

20. Audio Visual programs – update - George Pepall

Seven programs have been posted on the website, and George has a lead on another, Baseball on Stamps. George encouraged members to put together a program for club use.

21. Vanpex 2019 - Ed Kroft

VANPEX is going ahead. We should have a table and there may be a joint event with PSSC.

22. Judging - Joel Weiner

No one stepped forward for Australia. Stephane asked about the current roster of judges. After the last review many went to emeritus status and are no longer active.

23. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Hugo Deshayé, Mike Walsh

Deferred to next meeting.

24. Composition of Committees - any changes from lists last circulated?

Ed asked everyone to review TCP for committees and volunteer.

25. Expectations of RPSC directors - Ed Kroft

Deferred.

26. Circuit books - update - Bob Carswell

Deferred.

27. Geldert Medal 2018 and need for new committee member – report - Ed Kroft

There is no winner of the Geldert medal this year. There is a vacancy on the Geldert committee if interested.

28. Revisions for Philaprint contract - Ed Kroft

Ed to talk to Ingo Nessel re Philaprint contact.

29. RPSC Fellows - Ed Kroft

Charles Verge has stepped down as secretary of the Fellows.

30. Insurance issues - Directors and Officers insurance, frames insurance - Ed Kroft

Deferred.

31. Other business - Jack Miner Stamps, RPSC Foundation

Deferred.

32. Next Board Meeting - matters not canvassed will carry over 7th April 2019 same time.

Meeting ended 6.05 PDT/9.05 EDT.