

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Outgoing Directors' and Officers' Meeting
Friday, August 19, 2016
Waterloo, Ontario

MINUTES

George Pepall	David Oberholtzer	Rob Lunn	Marilyn Melanson
David Piercey	Robert Pinet	Stuart Keeley	Francois Brisse
Garfield Portch			

Regrets: Robin Harris, Charles Verge, James Taylor.

1. Welcome: Introductions and Announcements **George Pepall**

George P. announced that Ed Kroft, newly acclaimed Director, might drop in later.

2. Approval of the Agenda **George Pepall**

Moved by Pinet, Seconded by Lunn. Carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Directors' Meetings-
May 22-23, 2015** **George Pepall**

Moved by Piercey; Seconded by Keeley. Carried.

4. President's Report & Chapter Liaison Report **George Pepall**

George P. highlighted the co-operation shown among the RPSC, British North American Philatelic Society and Postal History Society of Canada in sharing an information table at New York 2016.

He also highlighted the exemplary work of David Oberholtzer in the RPSC's purchase of A-frames from New York 2016.

George announced that Tony Shaman had submitted a Letter of Resignation, effective December 31, 2016.

He also highlighted the need to fill Directors' and Officers' positions for the new Board.

The following Directors would be stepping down the following day:

- Rob McGuinness
- David Piercey
- John Beddows

He reminded the Directors and Officers present that the Board now had six (6) Directors, but up to 12 were allowed.

(David Oberholtzer interjected to remind the meeting that our bank, TD Canada, would require personal banking information from each Director.)

As Chapter Director, George P. related his own experience of becoming an associate member of two struggling clubs and urged Directors and Officers to “adopt” another RPSC club.

5. Treasurer’s Report, Membership Statistics and Appointment of Signing Authority

David Oberholtzer

David O. delivered the Treasurer’s Report: 2015 assets stood at \$97,823, with a Balance of \$41,243.

In terms of Membership, 2016 membership had remained constant.

David noted that the RPSC had not increased its membership dues for about eight years. He proposed an increase of \$5 for Canadian and US members and \$10 for other members, effective January 1, 2017.

Moved by Piercey; Seconded by Paige. Carried.

David also brought up the question of what to do about medals. At present, TAPE provides \$600 in subsidies each year, plus \$1,000 for medals for Royal/Royale Shows.

Medals have cost \$21 each, but each of three shows (Edmonton, ?) have been subsidized, and charged only \$15.

David P. brought forward a motion that the RPSC will continue with five (5) different medals, but will affix some identification to specifically identify "Large" gold (or vermeil).

Moved by Brisse; Seconded by Lunn. Carried.

6. National Office Report

Rob Timberg

Report delayed.

7. The Canadian Philatelist – Editor’s Report

Tony Shaman

Tony S. will continue to serve as Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* for two more issues. He complimented Trajan in their efforts at layout and mailing.

“The Directors’ and Officers’ of the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada present declare a Vote of Thanks to Tony Shaman for his 15 years’ of dedicated service as Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*.”

8. Webmaster Report

Robin Harris

Since Robin Harris had sent his regrets, George Pepall presented an overview of Harris' Webmaster Report.

9. Conventions Report

Rod Paige

Rod P. has been in contact with Richard Gratton and Pierre Leclerc in Boucherville. Everything is proceeding well for Royal 2017 Royale.

There is a possibility that St. Catherines may agree to host the Royal/Royale in 2019.

Rod has made contact with three representatives regarding possible Western Canadian venues.

10. Judging Programme Report: Motion Pending

David Piercey

(Note change – to which document? That Jean-Jacques Tillard is a judge.)

David P. explained that his primary roles are to pick juries for Royals and approve juries for other national shows.

He also highlighted that the American Philatelic Society had approved a seventh edition of their *Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*.

As of January 1, 2017, the APS will:

- Move to a point system. Exhibitors will receive feedback in written form with points awarded for each criteria.
- Award medals based on eight (8) levels, which will include the introduction of three Large medals (in Gold, Vermeil, and Silver).
- Endorse two new Classes of exhibiting: Experimental Class and Topical Class. Experimental Class would allow exhibitors to blend categories.
- Judges will work together to reach a consensus at the frames. The first responder will complete the judging sheet, with points.
- All Classes (including Picture Postcard, Experimental and Topical) will now be eligible for all awards, including Reserve Grand and Grand Awards.

Motion:

“That the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada (RPSC) adopt the Seventh Edition of the American Philatelic Society’s Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting, as the continuing guideline for RPSC judging and exhibiting practices, effective January 1, 2017.”

Moved by Pinet; Seconded by Paige. Carried.

(David Oberholtzer also commended David Piercey for his series of articles on exhibiting that have appeared in *The Canadian Philatelist*. The series will soon be appearing on the RPSC website.)

11. Ethics Committee Report

David Oberholtzer

No activity.

12. Historian and Archivist’s Report

Charles Verge

No report.

13. Dealer Liaison Report

John Beddows

Nor report, except that George P. announced that John Beddows had commended the organizers of the 2015 Royal/Royale in London, Ontario for acknowledging the role of dealers at the show.

14. Public Relations Officer Report

Garfield Paige

Garfield P. reported that he had visited 26 RPSC clubs in Southern Ontario over the last 15 months.

15. Multi-Media Programs Report

Garfield Portch

Garfield P. explained the process of reviewing all of the slide shows of philatelic topics he has received, rejecting some as obsolete, and beginning the process of digitalizing the images of those slides deemed workable.

Two shows have been completed, along with narratives, in English. Robert Pinet is in the process of translating them into French. Three more shows are complete, except for narrative.

Garfield urged the RPSC to request more Power Point presentations of stamp exhibits or lectures on our website.

David Oberholtzer raised the issue of voice overs. He explained that this is now a relatively easy process.

16. International Liaison Report

James Taylor

No report. George P. commended James Taylor, in his absence, for keeping the Board abreast of all international shows in a timely manner.

17. Canada Post Liaison Report

Peter Butler

No activity. Garfield P. to approach David Foote of Canada Post's Stamp Advisory Committee to about getting support from Canada Post.

18. Member Recruitment Report

Rod Paige

Rod P. explained that he has created a one-page introductory contact letter to all new members of the RPSC. It is available in both English and French. 95 letters have been sent out so far.

19. Geldert Medal Report

Charles Verge

George P. reiterated that the Geldert Medal was awarded to David Piercey for his article "The Montreal Steamers and the Newfoundland Mails 1885 - 1897", which was published in the May/June 2015 issue of *The Canadian Philatelist*.

20. Sales Circuit Report**Sandra Foss**

George P. informed the Directors and Officers that he had received a report from Sandra Foss in which she continues to express concern over lagging interest in the RPSC Sales Circuit.

21. Youth Education Report**Stuart Keeley**

Stuart K. announced that two stamp albums for children, "History of Canada" and "Family Tree" have been donated by a teacher, a member of the St. Catherine's Stamp Club.

A survey on youth philately was distributed to RPSC clubs. Sixteen clubs responded. Survey results indicated that, in general, our clubs are not active in youth education.

(Robert P. raised the issue of outreach to the retiree community by the RPSC.)

22. Services francophones Report**Robert Pinet**

Robert P. reported that a handful of francophones had inquired of the Royal for information (usually about where to sell stamps they had inherited). He had responded to them in French.

23. FQP Liaison Report**Francois Brisse**

Francois B. reported that the Federation quebecoise de la philatelie (FQP) was made up of 50 clubs with 1900 members in total. The FQP was responsible for the 2016 Boucherville stamp show and is now responsible for the Royal 2017 Royale. Pierre Leclerc had sent Letters of Invitation to each Director. Royal 2017 Royale will have 200 frames and 45 dealer and organization tables.

24. National Registry of Exhibitors**Robert McGuinness**

Robert M. continues to maintain the National Registry of Exhibitors. George P. will contact him to ask if McGuinness would continue in this role after he retires as Director.

**25. Other Reports/ Approval of Agenda
Nominating Committee****Directors, Officers**

Rob Lunn announced that the following three Directors were to step down at the AGM on August 20, 2016:

- John Beddows
- Rob McGuinness
- David Piercey

Five people have been acclaimed as Directors for 2016-17:

- Ed Kroft
- Robert Pinet
- Jim Taylor
- Rob Timberg
- Ernie Vlock

A minimum of one (1) vacancy remained.

The following Directors were continuing:

- Francois Brisse
- Stuart Keeley
- Marilyn Melancon
- Rod Paige

Rob L. reminded the meeting that Director positions can be filled by appointment.

26. Preview of AGM and New Directors' Agenda **Directors, Officers**

George P. discussed the order of presentations at the AGM:

- President
- Vice President
- Budget Officer
- Multi-Media Officer
- David P.: New *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*
- Tony Shaman: To announce that he is stepping down as Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist*
- Margaret Shulzke: 50+ Club
- David Oberholtzer: New Dues Structure
- Formality of Motion

27. New Business

No new business.

28. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Rob L.; Seconded by Robert P. Meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.