

Record of Decisions

**Executive Meeting, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2011.
at the V. G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, 10 Summerhill Ave. Toronto.**

Item numbers below, refer to agenda item numbers.

1. George Pepall welcomed the executive members and Garfield Portch, National Office resource.
2. There were no additions to the agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Frank Alusio, seconded by David Oberholtzer. Carried.
3. The *Record of Decisions* for August 17th was approved by a motion from Peter Butler, seconded by Frank Alusio. Carried. (There were no changes or omissions to the draft copy.)
With regard to the posting of the *Record of Decisions* on the website, the executive agreed that they should be posted on the new website and that we would include all copies from the last ROYAL meetings at Dorval. Margaret Shulzke will send the copies to Robin Harris for posting.
4. ***Financial Report*** David Oberholtzer.
 - An Interim Report (10.18.2011) on our finances was distributed as were copies of a listing of TCP Expenses (10.18.2011) and a review of the membership numbers as of June, 2011. (copies attached)
 - David reported that there are still 146 members who have still not paid their dues for 2010 and 45 for 2011. There are also 15 chapters not paid for 2010 and 5 not paid for 2011. Various measures have been taken to collect the over-due payments. It continues to be an ongoing job.
 - There was a lengthy discussion on the steps that were needed beyond the present strategies. A definite plan to suspend membership for non-payment will be put in place, as follows. A delinquency letter will be written to all 191 members that if their dues were not paid up to date by the end of January, they would be contacted and told their membership would be cancelled as of the end of February and they would not receive the March/April issue of TCP. In the letter it should state that we need confirmation that members are going to remain members or not.
 - This information is for budgetary purposes to remain in the black. The economic reality is that new memberships have declined, 106 in 2009, 73 in 2010 and 61 to Oct. in 2011. This drop, plus the above numbers on non-renewals is significant. Do the figures mean that a smaller magazine in black and white might become a reality? Yes it does. A motion to approve this decision was made by David, seconded by Peter. Carried.
 - With regard to the changes needed to the renewal form of taxes/HST issue for Québec, David announced that government decisions have not been made so the chart will remain the same. We need to include mention of the Territories on the chart.
 - The National Office has sent out fund-raising letters to the Fellows and is in the process of sending out a similar funding request to our Life Members. Mention of the 125th anniversary of organized philately in 2012 should be included.
 - With regard to the request for financial support for the ROYAL in Edmonton, the following motions were made: Motion made by David and seconded by Peter, to request that The RPSC Foundation cover mailing costs (\$1,000.00) for a special youth initiative culminating in a souvenir sheet for the Convention. Carried. A second motion made by Peter and seconded by Frank, that the executive approve a request for \$250.00 to assist in the

- production of the S/S to include the logos of the Foundation and the Society in the selvedge. Carried.
- David produced an informative chart comparing the revenue and expenses of the ROYALS from 2007 excluding 2008 when no financial statements were provided. The chart will be available to planning teams for future ROYALS from The RPSC Conventions Coordinator.
 - Plans to produce business cards and an information card stating the benefits of membership for wide distribution are in the works by George and Rod Paige.
 - The fundraising opportunity presented by John Walsh to the executive is on hold. We are not sure whose move is it at this point.

5. *Website Overhaul*

- Robin Harris is moving ahead with all the changes he has envisaged and the suggestions that have been made by Peter, Frank and Margaret. E.g. inclusion of FIP and FIAF logos, addition of various documents, simplification of logging in for members, are examples.
- Jim Hedger has been informed that his services are no longer needed with regard to his work on the new website. He was thanked for his involvement and he has received payment for his work.
- It was agreed that suggestions should come to Peter and Margaret at the National Office and forwarded to Robin if accepted. George could be involved if it was felt necessary.
- A change of service provider for the website was approved and Robin was told to go ahead with the move to “go daddy” when ready. There is a significant saving with the change and also better service.
- A motion made by Peter and seconded by Frank to pay an addition of \$1,000.00 to his normal honorarium for all the extra work put into the revision. He has estimated that it will take him another 90 hours alone to complete the job of revising the data base.
- Robin and Margaret have been asked to bring clarity to the executive on the domain ownership.

6. *French Services*

The National Office has found a volunteer to assist their communication links with the Society’s French speaking members. Robert Pinet from Ottawa has agreed to help in providing a French speaking member to assist with enquiries. He and Margaret have changes the voice message at the office and messages in French will automatically go to Robert. With support from Margaret, he will respond, hopefully within 48 hours, to the enquiry, in French. Robert Pinet’s position is to be listed on TCP’s masthead. A French only announcement will be in the next TCP.

7. *CD Program Development*

It was suggested by Garfield that whenever RPSC directors/executive members/officers see outstanding exhibits or presentations, it should be considered for our DVD programs. We continue to look for members to volunteer to assist in creating new DVD programs for clubs to buy or borrow, for presentations to chapters.

8. *Unfilled positions*

There continues to be a need to find someone to act as a Nomination Chairman to fulfill the role regarding the elections of directors at the Edmonton ROYAL. If the job remains vacant, Margaret will step in to fill the role.

Margaret and Peter will prepare the nominations sheet following contact with all directors regarding re-election and their attendance at Edmonton.

We continue the need to find an advertising manager for TCP and a Collector’s Coordinator.

9. **Chapter Charter** There was nothing to report.

10. **ROYAL* 20__*ROYALES**

The National Office received the Financial Report of ROYALE 2011 from the President of the Lakeshore Stamp Club, Chuck Colomb. Copies were distributed to the executive. We also received a cheque to cover their licensing fee of \$1,000.00. The executive was very pleased to receive both items.

2012 - In discussions with David Piercey, all their plans are moving ahead well.

2015 - There was a brief discussion of the possibility of a Pan-Am event. We have been encouraged by CPC, CEO Deepak Chopra to seek funding at the provincial level. There is money available. Garfield has found a company in Mississauga which produces medals and mint coins. He and Peter will be meeting with the director and getting quotes for the next meeting on numbers to order and the various designs and finishes.

11. **Quebec member's insurance needs.** Nothing to report at this time.

12. **TAPE Seminar.** Plans are moving along. There is a possibility for December.

13. **APS Liaison.** Nothing further to report.

14. **RPSC Handout.** George and Rod are working on this item.

15. **Guidelines, for Press Releases and In Memoriam tributes** The documents were presented by Frank, as was the document, *Position Descriptions*. They are to be added to the P&P binder. A Motion was made by Frank and seconded by David to approve the documents. Carried.

16. **Canadian Exhibits Databank**

Frank also submitted a final copy of the Canadian Exhibits Databank. How it will be made available is still in the discussion phase.

The P&P binder is also up for review. Frank, Margaret and Peter will be working on this over the next few months.

17. **Airport Display Up-date**

Garfield spoke to the executive of a project of the GTAPA in partnership with the Pearson International Airport and the curator of exhibits there, to assist a team of university students to create a series of displays on philately. The exhibition will run from April to October.2012.

18. **Ted Nixon Reports**

Ted visited with the executive and walked us through discussions on three evolving issues. The application to receive government funding for the mailing costs for TCP, has been denied. Ted will be applying in December for consideration for the 2012 year.

We discussed the John Walsh offer to donate volumes of his text to The RPSC and we reviewed all the options that acceptance would entail.

Ted confirmed that the donation as a co-sponsor to the Edmonton ROYAL would be approved.

19. **FIAF Hall of Fame Nominations.** This discussion will remain confidential.

20. TCP.

George sent letters to all chapters inviting them to use the Show Calendar in TCP, to announce their shows and special events. George also succeeded in getting the masthead revised in time for the next issue.

The new outer cover was announced for the Nov./Dec. issue which included a revised renewal form for members, chapters and affiliates. The back page of the outer pages was given to John Sheffield to advertise the CSDA show in Toronto.

The president asked, "Are deadlines important?" The response was, "Yes."

21. 125 Years of Organized Philately

The committee members are Charles Verge, Simon Morin and Garfield Portch.

George is to meet with Charles about this initiative and the involvement of The RPSC.

22. Other Business There were a few items that arose out of the meeting.

It was raised that a meeting of the TAPE executive was needed.

Although the topic of Project Tracking was raised, it was decided it should be left to the next meeting.

It was suggested that the executive was not getting updates on international news as it relates to show dates, changes of policy etc.

Date of next meeting will be decided at the call of the chair.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.