

Record of Decisions of the RPSC Executive Meeting held Wednesday, 11 December 2013, at VGG Offices

The meeting was opened at 1:32 pm with George Pepall, David Oberholtzer and Rod Paige in attendance. Robert Timberg was regrettably unable to attend and Garfield Portch attended as his other duties at VGG allowed.

Item 1: Discussion on agenda. It was agreed:

- 1/ To move the 'fonts' discussion with Trajan to agenda item 9
- 2/ To add an item – 'Look for an Advertising Manager'
- 3/ To add an item – 'Look for Anglophone Youth Co-ordinators'

Item 2: Approval of Record of Decisions from the 11 September meeting. Unanimously approved

Item 3: Financial Update

David Oberholtzer presented a 2013 Interim Financial Statement showing that the Society is well funded and is operating very close to the budget proposed earlier in the year. The Federal subsidy has been received. There are currently 79 chapters supporting the Society. The statement was discussed and unanimously approved.

Item 4: Membership Update

David Oberholtzer presented a Membership Report showing that there are currently 1705 members. The Society has attracted 73 new members during 2013 but has lost 157 due to resignations, dropped members and some who have passed away. There is a very short list of members and clubs who have not yet paid their dues and these will be dealt with shortly. The qualifications for honorary life memberships have been reviewed and it has been decided to stay with existing policy and that no new honorary life memberships will be awarded.

Item 5: Youth Activities

Margaret has been dealing with calls to our Head Office. A discussion was held on how to encourage youth groups with several recommendations:

- 1/ Youth members to be charged \$10 annual membership fee. Will require a new membership form.
- 2/ Allow access to website and allow access to TCP on-line for youth members.
- 3/ For youth enquiries, several sponsors should be recruited across the country to answer questions.
- 4/ For supplies which are donated for youth purposes, more investigation is needed due to storage and logistics concerns.
- 5/ Rod will talk with John Sheffield about the availability of 'Starter Kits'.
- 6/ New directors will be asked to be Ambassadors for Youth Stamp Collecting.
- 7/ Yvan Latulippe from Quebec is already heavily involved with youth promotion. He will be visiting the St. Catharines Stamp Show in January 2014 and Rod will speak with him there.

All the above were approved in principle with further work needed.

Item 6: Trajan

The executive had previously travelled to St. Catharines to meet with one of the new owners of Trajan, Mike Walsh, and his staff, Brett Evans and Jim Szeplaki. Present were George Pepall, David Oberholtzer, Robert Timberg, Garfield Portch and Rod Paige. Draft notes summarizing the meeting were prepared by Robert Timberg and these were discussed:

1/ There is still no Advertising Manager. Can clubs be challenged to find one new advertiser each? Could the directors be asked to find one new advertiser from their local areas?

2/ It was noted that only members can receive TCP.

3/ Follow-up is required with Trajan on possible cost savings by using different paper and/or font sizes.

4/ Can advertising in TCP and CSN be combined for possible cost savings?

Robert Timberg will be asked to follow-up these points with Trajan

Item 7: Board Election

There are eight members standing for election to the Board. Due to this being a 'full slate' and not wishing to discourage anyone, Robert Timberg has proposed to withdraw his nomination. After a short discussion his withdrawal was accepted.

Item 8: Fundraising

Discussions are underway to allow future monthly donations through PayPal to The RPSC Foundation , and possibly TAPE. With the planned unification of TAPE and The RPSC Foundation, this new approach will add focus as well as a charitable donation receipt. Members who choose to sponsor a page(s) in TCP or make donations to The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada will not receive a tax receipt.

Item 9: Unification of TAPE and RPSC Foundation

Because the Society's legal advisor is heavily occupied with his legal work, Ted Nixon from VGG will contact a lawyer in Toronto to investigate what is necessary for the unification of TAPE and The RPSC Foundation.

Item 10: Research on Frames

The Royal 2014 Royale committee has not asked for any help for frames and John Sheffield has assured The RPSC that there are enough frames for London in 2015. Looking forward, Rod Paige has been investigating the possibility of manufacturing frames locally. More information on this in the future.

Item 11: Royal/Royale future show updates

The budget for Halifax 2014 has been received from John Hall and approved. John Sheffield has confirmed that London will host the 2015 show. A committee has been established to investigate the possibility of Kitchener-Waterloo hosting the 2016 Royal/Royale. The committee is represented by Leigh Hogg, David Oberholtzer, Scott Traquair and George Pepall. The Boucherville, Quebec Stamp Club has indicated that Boucherville will host the 2017 Royale. Marc Boulard has applied for a special stamp honouring Boucherville's founder to be issued in conjunction with the event. He has also sent The RPSC an impressive brochure on the historical background of Pierre Boucher and his founding of the town in the 1600's.

Item 12: Recognition of 50-year Chapters

It was noted that the Saskatoon Chapter are celebrating 50 years of membership during 2014. Robert Timberg will be asked to see whether congratulations for this achievement could be included in the upcoming TCP and whether it could be highlighted.

Item 13: Translations.

George Pepall informed the meeting that English to French translations are well covered. It was proposed to approach Robert Pinet to see if he could assist in French to English translations.

Item 14: Other business

It was noted that Michael Millar recently gave a most interesting presentation on Perfins to the West Toronto Stamp club and that Garfield Portch travelled to St. Catharines to give a presentation on the work done at the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation. Both being so well received it was recommended that other clubs should make use of their talents. It was also noted that The RPSC now has two promotional banners and that clubs be invited to utilize them to promote their events. Robert Timberg will be asked to keep track of the banners which at the moment are both at headquarters.

Item 15: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.