

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA (RPSC)

Annual Meeting of Members

Minutes

Monday, June 14, 2021 6:00 pm Atlantic Time
via ZOOM.

1. Call to Order and Appointment of the Secretary

The President, Ed Kroft, called the meeting to order and appointed Jane Sodero Secretary for the meeting. The meeting was recorded through Zoom. It should be noted that 100 people attended some or all of the AGM. It was noted that the "Black Empress of Canada" based on Alfred Chalon's portrait of Queen Victoria was issued on this date in 1851

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 92st Annual Meeting of Members held Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:00 pm Atlantic Time via ZOOM

It was moved by Garfield Portch and seconded by George Pepall to approve the 2020 AGM Minutes. Motion carried.

3. Acknowledgement of Deceased Members (December 2020 – June 2021) and a Moment of Silence

The President read the names of RPSC members who died between December 2020 and June 2021 and called for a moment of silence.

4. President's Report

Given the global pandemic, the inability to meet in person and the virtual AGM format, the President's Report was sent out in the RPSC newsletter to all members prior to the AGM.

Despite the pandemic, The RPSC is moving forward and is continuing to work for all RPSC members. Since the last AGM in December 2020 (delayed due to the pandemic), four director's meetings have been held virtually covering all aspects of the business of the Society.

The President acknowledged the work of the Royal*2021*Royale organizing committee from Peterborough which was preparing for a great show before it had to be cancelled due to public health measures.

The RPSC continues to recruit new members and is more active in social media as well as presenting stamp talks and panels. In 2021, so far, The RPSC has over 60 new members and it is encouraging participation to see participation from a broad range of people.

2021 also saw a partnership between the APS and The RPSC with the production of a joint issue of their respective journals, The American Philatelist and The Canadian Philatelist dedicated to hockey.

As The RPSC is Canada's national stamp club, it is working on being more inclusive in the French-speaking community in Canada and abroad. Recently, the Board resolved to work towards a bilingual society and committee formed to address this issue.

The President thanked Mike Walsh and all the contributors to the monthly RPSC e-newsletter. He also thanked Joe Trauzzi for leading the stamp talks and panels initiative and Sparks Auctions for sponsoring those monthly virtual events. These virtual meetings and presentations have been a connection for members and non-members and he feels that they will continue even after things are back to 'normal'.

The RPSC is always looking for volunteers and their work is greatly appreciated. CAPEX22 in June 2022 will be looking for volunteers and it is hoped many RPSC members will step up to help.

From October 14 to 17, 2021, a virtual exhibition will be run by the CANPEX organization and it is hoped that there will be 80-85 exhibit entries in both multi-frame and single frame categories.

The President expressed his appreciation to the Board members of The RPSC, especially retiring member Hugo Deshayé and all the other directors who have served during his tenure. He also thanked Lee Ann Stewart, Robin Harris, the board and members of the Vincent Graves Greene Foundation and the staff of the Canadian Stamp News for their service to The RPSC.

The President acknowledged the work of the Secretary to the Board, Jane Sodero and the Treasurer, John Sharp. He especially noted the work of Sam Chiu in his many roles with The RPSC and beyond.

The support of the Fellows of The RPSC is greatly appreciated.

The President recognised the Joel Weiner's work with the judging program and the role of all the judges. He noted that The RPSC is always looking for new judges and asked anyone interested in pursuing that role to contact Joel Weiner.

The application The RPSC made asking for status as a charitable organization was not successful although the society is still non-profit. The RPSC is looking for sources of funding and members with suggestions are encouraged to contact the Board.

Finally, the President spoke about the changes to The Canadian Philatelist. The shift to partially digital only issues created a significant cost savings and while it was not what the board wanted to do, it has helped the bottom line significantly.

5. Treasurer's Report and Membership Statistics/ Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2020

As with the President's Report, the 2020 financial statement was on the RPSC website. The 2020 revenue was stable with membership fees down slightly but this was offset by donations. The costs of The Canadian Philatelist were up as of a result of less ad revenue. The Treasurer thanked both Robin Harris and Lee Ann Stewart for taking care of membership matters as well as other duties.

Stuart Keeley moved the adoption of the Financial Statements for 2020. Seconded by Garfield Portch. Carried.

John Sharp moved that Bruce Houser be appointed as the accountant for the 2020 year-end. Seconded by Stuart Keeley. Carried.

6. Directors' and Officers' Reports as Requested by the President

The Directors' and Officers' Reports will be posted to the RPSC website.

7. Recognition of 2020 Geldert Medal Recipient

The President congratulated Robin Harris on winning the Geldert medal for his article in The Canadian Philatelist: "Becoming the Understudy. Canada's Repeating 'Canada' Underprint". (Vol. 71, No. 2 March-April, 2020 p. 78-83).

8. Announcement of New RPSC 50-Year Club Members and Presentation of Honorary Life Memberships

For 2021, ten 50-Year-Club Members were recognized by the Society. Due to the pandemic, their certificates and lanyards have been mailed to them.

The new 50-Year-Club Members are:

- JOHN E. BEECROFT, Brooklin, ON
- PAUL BERLINGUETTE, Calgary, AB
- ROBERT BRAKEFIELD-MOORE, Gimli, MB
- JOSEPH DICOMMO, Hamilton, ON
- DEE ROY GOBLE, Calgary, AB
- WALTER J. HADER, Saskatoon, SK
- IVAN HRABOWSKY, St. Catharines, ON
- JEROME C. JARNICK, Troy, Michigan, USA
- HORST KAHLMEIER, Kitchener, ON
- FRANK SERVAS, Jr., Centre Valley, PA, USA

9. Volunteers Programme and Recipients

The President thanked the volunteers their work in putting together the volunteer recognition programme. The honourees for 2021 are:

Sid Mensinga	West Toronto Stamp Club
Karen Galbraith	Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Stan Dunfield	Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Gillian Keeping	Nova Scotia Stamp Club
Donna Boles	Prairie Mountain Philatelic Society
Dave Bartlet	Calgary Philatelic Society
Dave Russum	Calgary Philatelic Society
Les Selby	North Toronto Stamp Club
Jean Wang	North Toronto Stamp Club
Roy Houtby	St. Catherines Stamp Club
Steve Mulvey	RA Stamp Club
J. Michael Powell	Ottawa Philatelic Society
Bob Bidner	Middlesex Stamp Club

In addition, the President acknowledged long-time contributors to the CP including:

- Richard Logan
- Duff Mulkin
- Michael Somerville
- Lane Robson
- Dale Speirs
- Jean Wang

10. Announcement of Retiring Board Members

The President thanked the RPSC Board member who is retiring Hugo Deshayé for his years of service and contribution to the Board.

11. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the New Directors

Rob Lunn presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following Board members were elected or re-elected to The RPSC Board for a two-year term.

- Sam Chiu (re-election)
- John Hall (re-election)
- David McLaughlin (re-election)
- Robert Pinet (re-election)
- John Sharp (election)
- Mike Walsh (re-election)

It was moved by Rob Lunn and seconded by Garfield Portch to approve the report of the Nominating Committee and the people named be appointed as Directors. Carried.

12. Ratification of all Acts and Proceedings of the Board of Directors and Executive since last Annual Meeting

Garfield Portch moved for the ratification of all Acts and Proceeding of the Board of Directors since the last RPSC Annual Meeting. Seconded: Rob Lunn. Carried.

13. Other Business

Nothing raised.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021.