

RPSC Board Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2024

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM

Present:

Gregg Redner, Peter MacDonald, John Sharp, Phil Visser, Mario Chevrete, Sam Chiu, Dianne Earl, Alan Hills, Chris McFetridge, Bruce Pollock, Gordon Smith, Selene Tang, Joe Trauzzi

Regrets:

Jeff Slein,

Quorum Present for this meeting.

1. Agenda adopted as presented with not additions
2. Minutes of the June 24th presented. Mario Chevrete moved and seconded by Allan Hills that they be accepted. Carried
3. No communications to report
4. Treasurer John Sharp submitted the financials and found that the society is solvent and tracking along with the budget for 2024. It is expected that the finances will break even at the year end. John Sharp moved, and Peter MacDonald seconded that the financial report be accepted as presented. Carried.

A question was asked about the number of “Lets Talk Exhibiting” books left. At present there seems to be about 100 English books left and more than that French language books. Copies will be available for purchase at the Quebec Old Paper Show and at the Royal in Fredericton. Options were discussed with how to disperse the remaining copies. Nothing firm decided on this matter.

5. Presidents Report:

- a. A second webinar series is being planned for October. The first series have been posted on You Tube with about 130 views for each.

- b. A joint Zoom Symposium is being held in conjunction with the Postal History Society on November 9th. Almost full list of presenters for the November 9th series is ready.
- c. The Quebec Old Paper show will provide an opportunity to connect with both the FQP and BNAPS for building philatelic cooperation.
- d. Discussions are still underway on how to connect reconciliation and philately.

6. Director Reports:

- a. Business: no report
- b. Mario reported connection with FILEX and the Royal are progressing with more information coming as the date approaches.
- c. Dianne Earl reports that there are enough dealers and exhibitors for the Royal to be classed as a national show. Excitement is building at the Fredericton club level for The Royal in a few weeks.
- d. Alan Hills reports that the KW Philatelic Society is doing a feasibility study to host The Royal in 2026. Alan is also taking over the organization of the Stamp Talks and Panels from Jane Soderro. Alan is seeking presenters for the 2025 program. Bill Longley Auctions will continue sponsorship for the Stamp Talks/Panels in 2025
- e. The question was asked about how does the CSDA benefit with sponsorship of the RPSC? To be considered.
- f. Bruce Pollock is working on a distribution list for all Chapters and Affiliate members for a Leaders Forum. A mid October Zoom presentation with others in the Victoria on successful marketing techniques to spread information about local philatelic activities. More in the future.
- g. Selene is working with Jeff on steps to help young Collectors to find interest in the hobby.
- h. No report but discussions were held on the offering of 6 printed editions of The Canadian Philatelist. A cost to be determined and offered to members at Membership renewal time. To reduce cost per issue, it has

been suggested that a different quality paper will help. Will proceed with that concept.

- i. Tech help is needed for video editing. Suggestions were made to go the route of blogging, but something better is needed than the present system of videos for You Tube.

7. RPSC Landing Page and Directors Info.

See section 8 (b) below.

8. New Business:

- a. Sandra Foss messaged Gregg with recommendation to wind down the RPSC Circuit Books. Moved by Peter MacDonald and seconded by Joe Trauzzi **“That the RPSC Circuit books be closed by December 31st, 2024.”** Motion approved.
- b. Robin Harris’s Adminware website and the RPSC website are linked under one account at GoDaddy.com. Peter, Bruce, Gordon and Selene to work with Robin to separate the websites.
- c. LeeAnn reports that the number of medals is getting lower. At present there are five distinct medals. The multi-coloured medals are running out (Gold Vermeil Silver etc.) There is 20 Geldert medals left which is expected to last 15 years. Fellows’ pins are also running out and the volunteer pins are also low (about 1-2 years left). Direction was given for LeeAnn to order Fellow and Volunteer pins.

9. New Business:

None

Meeting closed at 8 PM with next meeting scheduled for November 17th at 6:30.