

The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada,
Directors and Officers Meeting,
Friday, May 30, 2014, Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, NS

Present: George Pepall; Rod Paige; David Oberholtzer; Marilyn Melanson; David Piercey; François Brisse; Garfield Portch; Robert Pinet; Michael Millar; Charles Verge; Peter Butler; Robin Harris
Acting Secretary: Ken Magee

The President called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. and welcomed all present.

The President asked for approval of the agenda: David Oberholtzer so moved, seconded by François Brisse. Motion was carried.

The Secretary moved the adoption of the minutes from the 2013 Directors meeting in Winnipeg. Motion was seconded by David Piercey. Motion was carried.

The President gave some highlights of his report. He stressed that the former SIP funds had been moved to The RPSC Foundation, and that articles are needed for *TCP*. He asked the Directors to speak to chapters and support youth activities. As Chapter Liaison he stressed the need for more new AV programs and the need for youth ambassadors.

The Treasurer stated that our balance sheet was "very healthy". Grant money helped with the balance, especially in printing costs. He has budgeted for 1200 dues paying members in 2014. The Federal Government's "Aid to Canadian Publishers" support contributed substantially, generating an operating surplus. Membership dues will have to be reviewed after mailing cost increases are analyzed. He has budgeted for a break-even year, but we do have a reserve for a bad year. He told us that TAPE provides medals for ROYALS, and subsidizes those for ORAPEX and Edmonton (and NOVAPLEX). David moved the adoption of his report, seconded by Robert Pinet. Motion carried. The signing authority remains the same.

On behalf of the National Office Garfield Portch reported that Robert Timberg has settled in well and is keeping everyone on their toes. He reported that as PR officer he has dealt with over 100 calls at the National Office. Callers have been referred to The RPSC Foundation or to CSDA members.

The Strategic Plan Report was deferred until the meeting by the new Board on Saturday.

In the report from the Editor of *The Canadian Philatelist* the President drew attention to the concern expressed by the Geldert Committee.

In his webmaster's report Robin Harris noted there have been over 11,000 visits to the Canada Post 2014 listings on the site between 2 March and 25 May this year. Only a few have accessed recent issues of *TCP*. 1043 have accessed shows; 638 the library; 531 the chapters, as examples. Visitors have been mostly Canadians, but include single visits from 24 countries, including Palestine, Uganda and Albania, among others.

Under "Conventions" the President, representing the Kitchener-Waterloo Philatelic Society, proposed holding the ROYAL*2016*ROYALE August 19, 20 and 21, 2016, at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Centre, (Sun Life Financial Arena), 101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo. A new Delta hotel will be opening there this fall. In St. Jacobs, about 5 km away, there are 3 other hotels. Shuttle service can be arranged. Also nearby are university residences. (The show is mid-way between the APS show and the BNAPS show.) Leigh Hogg will be the chairman. This proposal was accepted by the Board.

Peter Butler, as APS and CP Liaison, noted that he has helped many clubs obtaining handout material from Canada Post for their shows. For the New York international show in 2016 the APS wants to buy thousands of new frames. These will be held for later rental by clubs.

In the Judging Programme Report David Piercey noted with concern their difficulty in getting exhibits for the Edmonton show this year. He mentioned the need for more apprentices for the judging programme.

Charles Verge told us of the new FIP classes for modern (21st century) material and Historical Philately. The RPSC should combine with the APS to introduce these classes into North America.

The Ethics Committee report was accepted as submitted.

Charles Verge, in his Historian and Archivist's report, stressed the co-operation between The RPSC and VGG Foundation. With the help of some university students we might possibly catalogue all 3-D objects belonging to The RPSC and VGG Foundation, maybe leading to an exhibition.

There was no Dealer Liaison report.

There was a consensus that Jim Taylor is doing a yeoman's job in the post of International Liaison Officer.

There was no Legal Advisor's report.

Rod Paige, in his Member Recruitment report, noted that it would be nice to know why people leave The RPSC. Garfield suggested that Directors personally contact "dropouts" to encourage renewal. We have to look seriously at memberships.

The Geldert Medal committee has made some good recommendations for writers and articles, possibly with a two-tiered medal level, for novice and repeat/experienced writers.

There was no written report from the Multi-Media committee. However, two programs have been converted to digital format, but are not yet ready for distribution. Only three clubs regularly order slide programmes. The committee has consulted a lawyer regarding the ownership of the slides and the right of The RPSC to reproduce them in electronic media. No new programmes have been submitted. The personal approach was suggested in seeking contributions. Several ideas were discussed about salvaging old slides.

There is a need for a succession plan for the Sales Circuit. The President will talk to them about possible successors.

The Youth Education reports stressed the need for more youth ambassadors.

Under "Services francophone", Robert Pinet reported that he has dealt with a handful of French speakers on behalf of the National Office. His relocation to Ottawa helps Gatineau members.

There was no report about the National Registry of Exhibitors.

Under Stakeholders in Philately, George Pepall reported that the bank account has been closed, with the remaining money transferred to The RPSC Foundation.

New Business

To comply with the new Federal Not For Profit Corporation Act there will be a Special Meeting of RPSC members before the PSS meeting in Toronto on August 20, 2014, at 7:30 pm at the VGG Foundation in Toronto. Notice will be published in *TCP* and proxy votes will be solicited.

David Oberholtzer moved adjournment at 2:00 p.m.