

## RPSC Board Meeting – January 17, 2021

Board	Present	Regrets	Non-Voting	Present	Regrets
Sam Chiu	X		Robin Harris (non-voting)	X	
Stéphane Cloutier	X		Stuart Keeley (non-voting)	X	
Hugo Deshayé		x	Ingo Nessel (non-voting)	X	
John Hall	X		Garfield Portch (non-voting)	X	
Steve Johnson	X		George Pepall (non-voting)	X	
Ed Kroft	X		John Sharp (non-voting)	X	
Ken Lemke	X		Lee Ann Stewart	X	
David McLaughlin	X		Charles Verge		x
Robert Pinet	X				
Jane Sodero	X				
Grégoire Teyssier	X				
Joe Trauzzi	X				
Joel Weiner	X				
Mike Walsh	X				

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:02 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. Jane Sodero to act as secretary. John Sharp is in attendance as both Treasurer and as a potential future Board Member.
2. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2020 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the November 1, 2020 board meeting. Moved by Sam Chiu; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.**

3. Presentation and Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2020 AGM and Discussion Flowing From AGM, including access to minutes - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes - Ed Kroft

**Motion: To adopt the minutes from the December 9, 2020 AGM. Moved by Mike Walsh; seconded by Robert Pinet. Motion passed.**

The recording of the AGM has been posted to the website. The minutes will be posted as well, noting that they are subject to approval at the next AGM.

4. Election and Confirmation of Officers until 2021 AGM

**Motions:**

**To Appoint Ed Kroft as President of The RPSC – Moved by Joe Trauzzi; seconded by Stephane Cloutier. Motion passed.**

**To Appoint Sam Chiu as Vice-President of The RPSC – Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Stephane Cloutier. Motion passed.**

**To Appoint Jane Sodero as Secretary of The RPSC – Moved by David McLaughlin; seconded John Hall. Motion passed.**

5. Update from National Office - Lee Ann Stewart

Due to COVID shutdowns, the RPSC Office is closed but calls are being forwarded to Lee Ann Stewart. She reported that 13 new members since December 2020 and there have been applications for chapter memberships. The biggest challenge currently is with insurance renewals. To date, 44 chapters of 60 chapters have renewed their insurance.

6. Financial Update and Philaprint Grant status - Stuart Keeley and Mike Walsh - material was circulated by Stuart Keeley.

This will be the last report from outgoing treasurer, Stuart Keeley. The Board acknowledged the work Stuart has done over his tenure as Treasurer. The year-end report will still need to be audited. He notes that the deficit is smaller than anticipated due to increased donations and stable membership fees.

David McLaughlin would like to see how revenue and expenditures as a percentage and how that has changed over the years.

The question of who pays the fees for PayPal payments of membership dues was raised and whether there is a way to recoup that cost? Would there be a possibility of accepting e-transfers?

*Action Item: Lee Ann Stewart to find out if The RPSC can accept e-transfers for payment of membership dues.*

**Motions:**

**To appoint John Sharp as treasurer of The RPSC with thanks to Stuart Keeley for his contributions to The RPSC. Moved by Joe Trauzzi; seconded by David McLaughlin.**

**Motion passed.**

**To accept the interim year-end financial report as prepared by Stuart Keeley pending review by the auditors. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Stéphane Cloutier. Motion passed.**

The application for the Philaprint grant has been submitted and awaiting response. There was a question regarding a possible grant opportunity for assistance with translation services and whether TCP qualifies.

7. Update on TCP, Book Review Policy, website, Cybercrime/Cybersecurity - Robin Harris

March/April TCP articles have been sent for preparation of the first digital only issue. Board members discussed the number of pages for the digital only edition and whether it should be limited to 48 pages as well as the cost of the digital issue of TCP.

*Action Item: Mike Walsh to provide the Board with the cost difference between 48 pages and 64 pages for an e-version of TCP.*

Robin Harris asked if the Board still wanted to include book reviews in TCP. The overwhelming response was yes.

**Motions:**

**That the March/April digital issue of TCP consist of a minimum 48 pages and up to 64 pages. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Sam Chiu. Motion passed.**

**That book reviews continue to be included in TCP subject to the discretion of the editor. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by David McLaughlin. Motion passed.**

There was a discussion about advertising rates in TCP and on the website. This will be tabled to a future meeting.

*Action Item: Mike Walsh to circulate advertising costs for TCP (digital and print) and website.*

The first stamp talk has been posted to the members only section of the RPSC website.

There was some discussion about the limit on the number of journals available for free to non-members on the RPSC website. Members shared that these limits seem to vary significantly from club to club.

**Motion:**

**To setting the limit for website access to TCP to non-members to the last five years Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by Stéphane Cloutier. Motion passed.**

- 7a. 2020 Geldert Medal and Report of the Geldert Committee regarding the need for additional awards - Ed Kroft

On behalf of the Geldert Medal Committee, Ed Kroft announced that the winning article for 2020 is Becoming the Understudy: Canada's Repeating 'Canada' Underprint by Robin Harris from the March/April 2020 issue of The Canadian Philatelist.

The Board expressed their appreciation to the Committee members: George Pepall, Kevin O'Reilly and Ed Kroft. In addition, the Committee recommended that three more awards be offered to encourage submissions to The Canadian Philatelist and recognize authors. The three new awards are to be given in the categories of Novice Author; Long-term Contributor and Most Popular. The Most Popular award will be voted on by the readers.

**Motion:**

**To add three new awards to the Geldert medals: Novice Author; Long-term Contributor and Most Popular (to be voted on by the readers). Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by John Hall. Motion passed.**

*Action Item: Press release to be prepared by Robin*

*Action Item: Announcement for the new awards*

8. Virtual Meetings for RPSC/Stamp Talks - Joe Trauzzi

Joe Trauzzi shared that the first stamp on January 11<sup>th</sup> attracted about 70 attendees. Of the 58 participants who answered the survey, 12 were non-members. The first stamp panel is to be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He announced that a series of panels in French will start in April thanks to the help of Charles Verge, with the slate of programs to be announced. Trauzzi shared that the Zoom license limits the number of attendees to 100 people which should be sufficient since the cost of going to next level is \$1800. The Board extended their congratulations to Joe Trauzzi for getting this venture going.

Trauzzi suggested that the stamp panel videos be made available in the free section of the RPSC website and perhaps later to YouTube as they are intended to attract new collectors. It

was clarified that moderators of the panels must say that the presentation is being recorded and will be posted to the internet.

9. Royal 2021-Virtual Event and 2021 AGM - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft said that AGM can be held virtually in June but the Board needs to decide if we want to have virtual exhibits and dealers at a virtual Royal show. At this point, it would have to be held in the fall date to provide time to include those elements. There was some discussion as to whether The RPSC could work with another club, Trajan or CANPEX in hosting a virtual show.

Further discussion of this matter was tabled to the next meeting.

10. Virtual Stamp Exhibition in Canada - David McLaughlin/Steve Johnson

Plans are well underway for CANPEX in April with 27 exhibit entries already. Steve Johnson noted that dealers aren't being charged for their participation and website/computer programming costs are being donated. Without the donation of those programming costs the costs would be prohibitive.

11. Improvements to RPSC Presence in Quebec - Ed Kroft, Grégoire Tessyier

It was noted that French content within the RPSC website and TCP is getting better but we can do more. Grégoire Tessyier wants to engage both Quebecois and Franco-Ontarians. He offered help with translation services. He also suggested engaging with French, Belgian and Swiss organisations similarly to the way we connect with the APS.

*Action Item: Grégoire Tessyier to circulate more information*

12. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Sodero

The Social Media Committee sent a survey to the chapter members of The RPSC to gauge their level of activity during the COVID shutdowns as well as their web and social media presence. So far, 22 of over 80 clubs have responded with results being compiled by Robert Pinet. From this, the intention is to help promote the activities of our chapter members through the Facebook page. It was suggested that the monthly e-newsletter would be another means of dissemination.

*Action Item: A profile for the e-newsletter by Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Action Item: Chapter profiles/information to be posted on the RPSC Facebook page.*

13. Update on CAPEX 22 and FIP matters - David McLaughlin

The CAPEX website has launched and a number of press releases will be coming out over the next few weeks. CAPEX will have a booth at Spring Stampex.

The deadline for entries for PhilaNippon is upcoming so far Canadians have entered 47 frames and 1 literature exhibit.

14. Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee - George Pepall, Ken Lemke

George Pepall proposed a first step of sending a letter including the membership benefits to western stamps clubs with an offer of 50% off member fees to first time club executive members. After some discussion, this item was tabled to the next meeting

15. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

The deadline for the next newsletter is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

16. Judging - Joel Weiner

Nothing.

17. Support for Canadian Stamp to commemorate Jarrett catalogue - Ed Kroft

The Jarrett family is looking for an endorsement for a proposal for a stamp commemorating Fred Jarrett on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his stamp catalogue.

**Motion:**

**To support the proposal of the Jarrett family to recognize the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jarrett catalogue. Moved by Ken Lemke; seconded by David McLaughlin. Motion passed.**

18. CSDA relationship and other dealer issues - Hugo Deshayé and Mike Walsh

Tabled

19. Report from VGG - David McLaughlin and Ingo Nessel

The VGG office closed but phones being answered. The Board thanks VGG for making the phone system adjustments.

20. APS Partnership on TCP and AP - Hockey Issue - Ed Kroft and Robin Harris

The issue is proceeding well with seven articles received so far.

21. Relationship with Other Philatelic Societies - Ed Kroft

Tabled

22. Volunteers Programme - Ed Kroft

Tabled

23. Committee to update corporate constitution - Ed Kroft

Tabled

24. Other Business

Next meeting: Limited Agenda Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm (TBC).