

RPSC Board Meeting – March 21, 2021

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

- Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm (Atlantic), quorum having been met. Jane Sodero to act as secretary.
- Presentation and Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2021 Board Meeting - Jane Sodero circulated these draft minutes.

Motion: To adopt the minutes from the February 17, 2021 board meeting. Moved by Mike Walsh; seconded by Robert Pinet. Motion passed.

- Update from National Office, Press Releases, Update of Committees - Lee Ann Stewart
Lee Ann Stewart reported 16 new members have joined since last meeting. Her focus is on follow-up on final reminders to those who have not renewed for 2021. Several of those who will not renew explained that they only want to receive hard copies of the TCP.

Lee Ann Stewart has sent out emails regarding the Geldert medal, access to the TCP; as well as notice of the June 14th AGM as required by the By-law. She is back to the office three days a week.

Action Item: Joe Trauzzi is to send the Zoom link for the RPSC AGM.

Action Item: Lee Ann Stewart will send out the list of committees and current members for updating and request committee reports for the AGM.

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

Steve Johnson spoke on behalf of the sub-committee set up at the last meeting. They are waiting to see how things go with the current CANPEX, especially from a judging perspective, before committing to another virtual show in the fall. Timing will be especially important. Traditionally the show happens the weekend after Thanksgiving.

It was suggested that the sub-committee contact the organizers of CALVIRT 2021 and the BNAPS virtual show for input. BNAPS is looking at 160 frames plus bourse and speakers on Labor Day weekend.

Action Item – Steve Johnson and the sub-committee are to propose a timeline and dates for a fall virtual show if it were to go ahead.

5. Philaprint and TCP - Ingo Nessel

Ingo Nessel went over the report provided to the board regarding the costs of the TCP as well as the reduction in the grant for Heritage Canada for production costs. Thank you to Ingo Nessel, Mike Walsh and John Sharp for the work they did in providing the report to the board.

This review did enable a realignment of costs which clarified editorial vs production costs. The bottom line is that there is \$14,500 savings with the change to providing four hard copy issues and two digital issues. The demand and interest aren't there to go fully digital although if TCP went fully digital it would create a profit.

There should be a renewed contract between The RPSC and Philaprint and a liaison between The RPSC and Philaprint – George Pepall and John Sharp have volunteered.

6. Financial Update and Budget 2021 - John Sharp

John Sharp reported that the cost changes with TCP have been updated in the budget although there does still need to be an adjustment of the estimated value of the Philaprint grant from \$13,500 to \$12,500.

Motion: To approve the budget with an amendment to the Philaprint grant from \$13,500 to \$12,500. Moved by Robert Pinet; seconded by Ken Lemke. Motion passed.

Motion: To approve the 2020 financial statements. Moved by John Hall; seconded by Ken Lemke. Motion passed.

John Sharp would like to change from two signing officers to one signing officer to enable the use of e-transfers for the payment of dues and other transactions.

Action Item: Check by-laws to see if there needs to be a change to the by-laws to enable the change to one signing officer.

John Sharp suggested closing the US funds bank account as it is an unnecessary cost. Lee Ann Stewart noted that she never writes a cheque in US funds but uses the RPSC PayPal account.

Motion: To approve the closure of the US funds bank account. Motion by Ken Lemke; seconded by Joe Trauzzi. Motion passed.

Action Item: Attach 2020 year-end financial report to these minutes.

John Sharp asked about attaching monthly financial reports to the minutes. This hasn't been done in the past, partly because of the complexity of the report.

7. Grant Applications – Ed Kroft

Jim Dixon and John Sharp have looked at a grant from Canada Post. To be eligible it must connect to a specific project which involves youth and it must be measurable. The maximum

grant is \$5000. Several board members said they would look into projects which might be eligible for the grant.

8. Update on TCP - Robin Harris

Robin Harris was unable to attend the meeting but did send the following update on the joint issue with the American Philatelic Society and the American Philatelist:

The May-June TCP issue is the joint hockey-themed issue with the APS. An “article-swap” event was held last week which included the RPSC President and TCP editor along with the AP editors.

The RPSC received more articles than the APS and, due to the scaled-back TCP to 48 pages this year and subsequent space limitations, TCP would not be able to run all of the articles. Two articles that we received will be published by the APS. In addition, Charles Verge’s extensive article will run in both journals.

A downloadable PDF of the joint issue TCP and AP will be made available to the other societies’ members free of charge.

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

The Stamp Talks and Panels are a great success and have been increasing in viewership. Joe Trauzzi said that French language talks should start soon and he may be looking for a French host for those meetings to help on the technical side. The success of the talks may require upgrading the license for Zoom. If that is necessary, he will come back to the board before proceeding.

He has signed up for Mailchimp to send out announcements and is looking for help in setting up a template for the mailouts. Hugo Deshayé said he could help.

Action Item: Joe Trauzzi and Hugo Deshayé to create a template for mailouts for the Stamp Talks and Stamp Panels.

It was suggested that Lee Ann Stewart might want to use Mailchimp to make RPSC mailouts easier.

Ed Kroft noted that the sponsorship agreement with Sparks Auctions was executed.

10. Digital Study Group (BNAPS) Proposal - Ed Kroft

A BNAPS digital study group has been set up with a Zoom meeting proposed for March 27, 2021. At this time, BNAPS is not looking at a partnership with The RPSC but they might consider some sort of cooperation. David McLaughlin will send the Zoom invitation to board members. It may be too early to see how The RPSC might be involved but The RPSC is interested in seeing where it is going.

11. Improvements to RPSC French Presence in Canada - Grégoire Tessyier

Grégoire and Stéphane were both unable to attend tonight so item is tabled until the next meeting.

12. Report from the Social Media Committee - Jane Sodero

The RPSC is now actively posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The cross-posting isn't simple and really requires the purchase of dedicated software but Jane Sodero feels that expenditure isn't necessary at this time.

Action Item: Joe Trauzzi will contact Jane Sodero about posting Mailchimp mailing content to social media.

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

David McLaughlin gave a detailed update on the progress of the CAPEX organization. His report is attached to these minutes.

David McLaughlin updated the board on FIP activity. As commissioner, Ingo Nessel has 58 frames going to PhilaNippon. Since there are still restrictions for travel to Japan, he is not sure how that show will proceed. He is also looking for exhibitors for a show in Cape Town, again no decision has been made on whether or not the show will go ahead as planned. Finally, David McLaughlin plans on attending a FIAF show in Rio Grande in the fall where he will also be promoting CAPEX22.

14. Newsletter update - Mike Walsh

The deadline for the next newsletter is this Friday. Mike Walsh noted that links help drive interest in the newsletter.

15. Judging - Joel Weiner

Joel reported that the APS has not made a decision about the GASS scheduled for this summer in Chicago. So far, the only virtual WSP show scheduled is PIPEX at the beginning of May.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether or not a Canadian exhibitor must be a member of RPSC to exhibit internationally representing Canada. It was suggested that exhibitors should be members of an RPSC Chapter in lieu of RPSC membership. Questions were raised about tracking chapter membership, impact of the change on RPSC membership numbers and the number of participants in international exhibiting and FIP requirements.

Motion: To withdraw the requirement for direct RPSC membership and accept RPSC Chapter membership as the prerequisite for International exhibiting. Moved by David McLaughlin; seconded Ken Lemke. Motion defeated.

16. Support for a Canadian Stamp to commemorate the Jarrett catalogue - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft said the application will be submitted to the stamp review committee soon and that the RPSC letter of support will be sent at that time. He noted that other societies have also written letters of support.

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

Hugo Deshayé noted that the CSDA has a new President, Angelo E. Komatsoulis.

He also reminded the board of the MOU between CSDA and RPSC which applies if there is a bourse for the virtual show. The MOU ensures that CSDA members get the right of first refusal for tables at the Royal bourse.

18. Report from VGG – Garfield Portch

Garfield Portch reported that the offices of the Greene Foundation, the Harry Sutherland Philatelic Library and The RPSC are still operating on shutdown mode. No outside visitors are allowed as per provincial regulations. The board of The RPSC wish to thank the Greene Foundation for their support, especially during the COVID shutdowns.

19. Membership Benefits - George Pepall

The RPSC membership benefits promotion which went to western Canada last month will be going out to Ontario this week.

Ed Kroft noted The RPSC received \$500 for youth philately from The RPSC Foundation towards articles in TCP.

20. Volunteers Programme - Ed Kroft

Ed Kroft asked for nominations for the volunteer program before the June AGM.

21. Other Business

None.

Next meeting: May 2, 2021 6:30pm eastern